# Amazon Cognito Developer Guide



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## What Is Amazon Cognito?

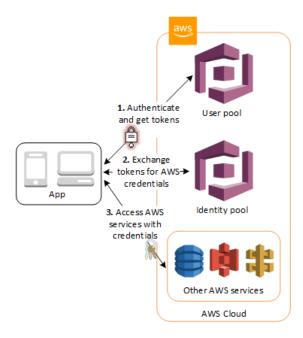
Amazon Cognito provides authentication, authorization, and user management for your web and mobile apps. Your users can sign in directly with a user name and password, or through a third party such as Facebook, Amazon, or Google.

The two main components of Amazon Cognito are user pools and identity pools. User pools are user directories that provide sign-up and sign-in options for your app users. Identity pools enable you to grant your users access to other AWS services. You can use identity pools and user pools separately or together.

#### An Amazon Cognito user pool and identity pool used together

See the diagram for a common Amazon Cognito scenario. Here the goal is to authenticate your user, and then grant your user access to another AWS service.

- In the first step your app user signs in through a user pool and receives user pool tokens after a successful authentication.
- 2. Next, your app exchanges the user pool tokens for AWS credentials through an identity pool.
- 3. Finally, your app user can then use those AWS credentials to access other AWS services such as Amazon S3 or DynamoDB.



For more examples using identity pools and user pools, see Common Amazon Cognito Scenarios (p. 6).

Amazon Cognito is compliant with SOC 1-3, PCI DSS, ISO 27001, and is HIPAA-BAA eligible. For more information, see AWS Services in Scope. See also Regional Data Considerations (p. 4).

#### **Topics**

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- Getting Started with Amazon Cognito (p. 2)
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- Pricing for Amazon Cognito (p. 3)
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## Features of Amazon Cognito

#### User pools

A user pool is a user directory in Amazon Cognito. With a user pool, your users can sign in to your web or mobile app through Amazon Cognito, or federate through a third-party identity provider (IdP). Whether your users sign in directly or through a third party, all members of the user pool have a directory profile that you can access through an SDK.

#### User pools provide:

- · Sign-up and sign-in services.
- A built-in, customizable web UI to sign in users.
- Social sign-in with Facebook, Google, and Login with Amazon, and through SAML and OIDC identity providers from your user pool.
- User directory management and user profiles.
- Security features such as multi-factor authentication (MFA), checks for compromised credentials, account takeover protection, and phone and email verification.
- Customized workflows and user migration through AWS Lambda triggers.

For more information about user pools, see Getting Started with User Pools (p. 14) and the Amazon Cognito User Pools API Reference.

#### **Identity pools**

With an identity pool, your users can obtain temporary AWS credentials to access AWS services, such as Amazon S3 and DynamoDB. Identity pools support anonymous guest users, as well as the following identity providers that you can use to authenticate users for identity pools:

- Amazon Cognito user pools
- Social sign-in with Facebook, Google, and Login with Amazon
- OpenID Connect (OIDC) providers
- SAML identity providers
- · Developer authenticated identities

To save user profile information, your identity pool needs to be integrated with a user pool.

For more information about identity pools, see Getting Started with Amazon Cognito Identity Pools (Federated Identities) (p. 228) and the Amazon Cognito Identity Pools API Reference.

## Getting Started with Amazon Cognito

For a guide to top tasks and where to start, see Getting Started with Amazon Cognito (p. 5).

#### Amazon Cognito Developer Guide Regional Availability

For videos, articles, documentation, and sample apps, see Amazon Cognito Developer Resources.

To use Amazon Cognito, you need an AWS account. For more information, see Using the Amazon Cognito Console (p. 3).

## Regional Availability

Amazon Cognito is available in multiple AWS Regions worldwide. In each Region, Amazon Cognito is distributed across multiple Availability Zones. These Availability Zones are physically isolated from each other, but are united by private, low-latency, high-throughput, and highly redundant network connections. These Availability Zones enable AWS to provide services, including Amazon Cognito, with very high levels of availability and redundancy, while also minimizing latency.

For a list of all the Regions where Amazon Cognito is currently available, see AWS Regions and Endpoints in the *Amazon Web Services General Reference*. To learn more about the number of Availability Zones that are available in each Region, see AWS Global Infrastructure.

## **Pricing for Amazon Cognito**

For information about Amazon Cognito pricing, see Amazon Cognito Pricing.

## Using the Amazon Cognito Console

You can use the Amazon Cognito console to create and manage user pools and identity pools.

#### To use the Amazon Cognito console

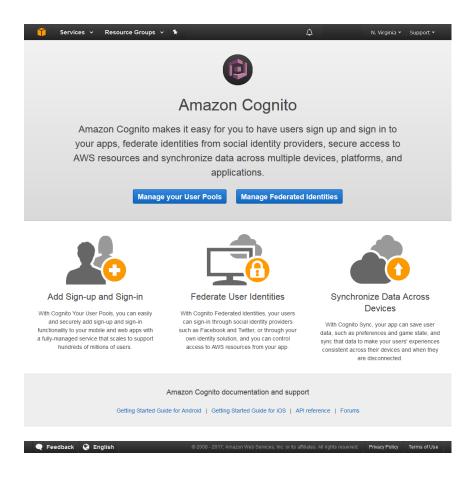
- 1. To use Amazon Cognito, you need to sign up for an AWS account.
- 2. Go to the Amazon Cognito console. You might be prompted for your AWS credentials.
- 3. To create or edit a user pool, choose Manage your User Pools.

For more information, see Getting Started with User Pools (p. 14).

4. To create or edit an identity pool, choose Manage Identity Pools.

For more information, see Getting Started with Amazon Cognito Identity Pools (Federated Identities) (p. 228).

The Amazon Cognito console is a part of the AWS Management Console, which provides information about your account and billing. For more information, see Working with the AWS Management Console.



## **Regional Data Considerations**

Amazon Cognito user pools are each created in one AWS Region, and they store the user profile data only in that region. They can send user data to a different AWS Region, depending on how optional features are configured.

- If the default no-reply@verificationemail.com email address setting is used for routing verification of emails addresses with Amazon Cognito user pools, emails are routed through the US West (Oregon) Region.
- If a different email address is used to configure Amazon Simple Email Service (Amazon SES) with Amazon Cognito user pools, that email address is routed through the AWS Region associated with the email address in Amazon SES.
- SMS messages from Amazon Cognito user pools are routed through the closest AWS Region that's supported by Amazon SNS worldwide SMS delivery.
- If Amazon Pinpoint analytics are used with Amazon Cognito user pools, the event data is routed to the US East (N. Virginia) Region.

# Getting Started with Amazon Cognito

This section describes the top Amazon Cognito tasks and where to start. For an overview of Amazon Cognito, see What Is Amazon Cognito? (p. 1).

The two main components of Amazon Cognito are user pools and identity pools. User pools are user directories that provide sign-up and sign-in options for your web and mobile app users. Identity pools provide AWS credentials to grant your users access to other AWS services. You can use user pools and identity pools separately or together.

#### Top Tasks and Where to Start

#### Add Sign-up and Sign-in with a User Pool

- 1. Create a user directory with a user pool.
- 2. Add an app to enable the hosted UI.
- 3. Add social sign-in to a user pool.
- 4. Add sign-in through SAML-based identity providers (IdPs) to a user pool.
- 5. Add sign-in through OpenID Connect (OIDC) IdPs to a user pool.
- 6. Install a user pool SDK.
- 7. Customize the built-in hosted web UI sign-in and sign-up pages.
- 8. Configure user pool security features.
- 9. Customize user pool workflows with Lambda triggers.
- 10. Gather data and target campaigns with Amazon Pinpoint analytics.

#### Manage Users in a User Pool

- Sign up and confirm user accounts.
- Create user accounts as administrator.
- Manage and search user accounts.
- Add groups to a user pool.
- · Import users into a user pool.

#### Access Resources

#### Common Amazon Cognito scenarios:

- Authenticate with a user pool.
- · Access backend resources through a user pool.
- Access API Gateway and Lambda through a user pool.
- Access AWS services with a user pool and an identity pool.
- Access AWS services through a third party and an identity pool.
- Access AWS AppSync resources through a user pool or an identity pool.

## Common Amazon Cognito Scenarios

This topic describes six common scenarios for using Amazon Cognito.

The two main components of Amazon Cognito are user pools and identity pools. User pools are user directories that provide sign-up and sign-in options for your web and mobile app users. Identity pools provide AWS credentials to grant your users access to other AWS services.

A user pool is a user directory in Amazon Cognito. Your app users can sign in either directly through a user pool, or federate through a third-party identity provider (IdP). The user pool manages the overhead of handling the tokens that are returned from social sign-in through Facebook, Google, and Amazon, and from OpenID Connect (OIDC) and SAML IdPs. Whether your users sign in directly or through a third party, all members of the user pool have a directory profile that you can access through an SDK.

With an identity pool, your users can obtain temporary AWS credentials to access AWS services, such as Amazon S3 and DynamoDB. Identity pools support anonymous guest users, as well as federation through third-party IdPs.

#### **Topics**

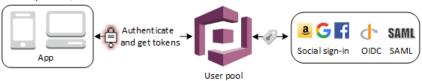
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### Authenticate with a User Pool

You can enable your users to authenticate with a user pool. Your app users can sign in either directly through a user pool, or federate through a third-party identity provider (IdP). The user pool manages the overhead of handling the tokens that are returned from social sign-in through Facebook, Google, and Amazon, and from OpenID Connect (OIDC) and SAML IdPs.

After a successful authentication, your web or mobile app will receive user pool tokens from Amazon Cognito. You can use those tokens to retrieve AWS credentials that allow your app to access other AWS services, or you might choose to use them to control access to your server-side resources, or to the Amazon API Gateway.

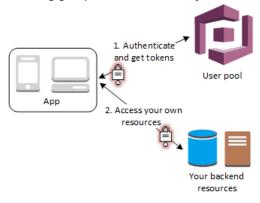
For more information, see User Pool Authentication Flow (p. 192) and Using Tokens with User Pools (p. 195).



### Access Your Server-side Resources with a User Pool

After a successful user pool sign-in, your web or mobile app will receive user pool tokens from Amazon Cognito. You can use those tokens to control access to your server-side resources. You can also create

user pool groups to manage permissions, and to represent different types of users. For more information on using groups to control access your resources see Adding Groups to a User Pool (p. 171).



Once you configure a domain for your user pool, Amazon Cognito provisions a hosted web UI that allows you to add sign-up and sign-in pages to your app. Using this OAuth 2.0 foundation you can create your own resource server to enable your users to access protected resources. For more information see Defining Resource Servers for Your User Pool (p. 88).

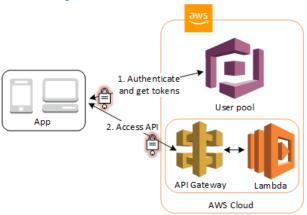
For more information about user pool authentication see User Pool Authentication Flow (p. 192) and Using Tokens with User Pools (p. 195).

## Access Resources with API Gateway and Lambda with a User Pool

You can enable your users to access your API through API Gateway. API Gateway validates the tokens from a successful user pool authentication, and uses them to grant your users access to resources including Lambda functions, or your own API.

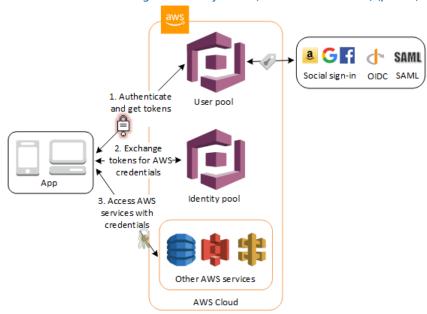
You can use groups in a user pool to control permissions with API Gateway by mapping group membership to IAM roles. The groups that a user is a member of are included in the ID token provided by a user pool when your app user signs in. For more information on user pool groups See Adding Groups to a User Pool (p. 171).

You can submit your user pool tokens with a request to API Gateway for verification by an Amazon Cognito authorizer Lambda function. For more information on API Gateway, see Using API Gateway with Amazon Cognito User Pools.



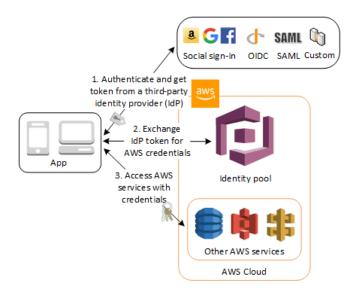
## Access AWS Services with a User Pool and an Identity Pool

After a successful user pool authentication, your app will receive user pool tokens from Amazon Cognito. You can exchange them for temporary access to other AWS services with an identity pool. For more information, see Accessing AWS Services Using an Identity Pool After Sign-in (p. 204) and Getting Started with Amazon Cognito Identity Pools (Federated Identities) (p. 228).



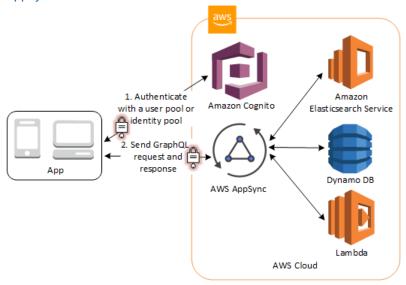
## Authenticate with a Third Party and Access AWS Services with an Identity Pool

You can enable your users access to AWS services through an identity pool. An identity pool requires an IdP token from a user that's authenticated by a third-party identity provider (or nothing if it's an anonymous guest). In exchange, the identity pool grants temporary AWS credentials that you can use to access other AWS services. For more information, see Getting Started with Amazon Cognito Identity Pools (Federated Identities) (p. 228).



## Access AWS AppSync Resources with Amazon Cognito

You can grant your users access to AWS AppSync resources with tokens from a successful Amazon Cognito authentication (from a user pool or an identity pool). For more information, see Access AWS AppSync and Data Sources with User Pools or Federated Identities.



## **Amazon Cognito Tutorials**

The two main components of Amazon Cognito are user pools and identity pools. User pools are user directories that provide sign-up and sign-in options for your web and mobile app users. Identity pools provide AWS credentials to grant your users access to other AWS services.

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- Tutorial: Creating an Identity Pool (p. 10)
- Tutorial: Cleaning Up Your AWS Resources (p. 11)
- Tutorial: Adding a Web or Mobile App to a User Pool (p. 11)

## **Tutorial: Creating a User Pool**

With a user pool, your users can sign in to your web or mobile app through Amazon Cognito.

#### To create a user pool

- 1. Go to the Amazon Cognito console. You may be prompted for your AWS credentials.
- 2. Choose Manage your User Pools.
- 3. Choose Create a User Pool.
- 4. Provide a name for your user pool and choose Review Defaults to save the name.
- 5. On the Review page, choose Create pool.

### **Related Resources**

For more information on user pools, see Amazon Cognito User Pools (p. 13).

See also User Pool Authentication Flow (p. 192) and Using Tokens with User Pools (p. 195).

## **Tutorial: Creating an Identity Pool**

With an identity pool, your users can obtain temporary AWS credentials to access AWS services, such as Amazon S3 and DynamoDB.

#### To create an identity pool

- 1. Go to the Amazon Cognito console. You may be prompted for your AWS credentials.
- 2. Choose Manage Identity Pools
- 3. Choose Create new identity pool.
- 4. Enter a name for your identity pool.
- To enable unauthenticated identities select Enable access to unauthenticated identities from the Unauthenticated identities collapsible section.
- 6. Choose Create Pool.
- 7. You will be prompted for access to your AWS resources.

#### Amazon Cognito Developer Guide Related Resources

Choose **Allow** to create the two default roles associated with your identity pool—one for unauthenticated users and one for authenticated users. These default roles provide your identity pool access to Amazon Cognito Sync. You can modify the roles associated with your identity pool in the IAM console.

8. Make a note of your identity pool Id number. You will use it to set up policies allowing your app users to access other AWS services such as Amazon Simple Storage Service or DynamoDB

#### **Related Resources**

For more information on identity pools, see Amazon Cognito Identity Pools (Federated Identities) (p. 228).

For an S3 example using an identity pool see Uploading Photos to Amazon S3 from a Browser.

## Tutorial: Cleaning Up Your AWS Resources

#### To delete an identity pool

- 1. Go to the Amazon Cognito console. You may be prompted for your AWS credentials.
- 2. Choose Manage Identity Pools.
- 3. Choose the name of the identity pool that you want to delete. The **Dashboard page** for your identity pool appears.
- 4. In the top-right corner of the Dashboard page, choose **Edit identity pool**. The **Edit identity pool** page appears.
- 5. Scroll down and choose **Delete identity pool** to expand it.
- 6. Choose **Delete identity pool**.
- 7. Choose Delete pool.

#### To delete a user pool

- 1. Go to the Amazon Cognito console. You may be prompted for your AWS credentials.
- 2. Choose Manage your User Pools.
- 3. Choose the user pool you created in the previous step.
- 4. On the **Domain name** page under **App integration** select **Delete domain**.
- 5. Choose **Delete domain** when prompted to confirm.
- 6. Go to the General Settings page.
- 7. Select **Delete pool** in the upper right corner of the page.
- 8. Enter delete and choose Delete pool when prompted to confirm.

## Tutorial: Adding a Web or Mobile App to a User Pool

Add a web or mobile app to your user pool with these tutorials for JavaScript, Android, and iOS.

- Tutorial: Integrating User Pools for JavaScript Apps (p. 24).
- Tutorial: Integrating User Pools for Android Apps (p. 41).

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Tutorial: Integrating User Pools for iOS Apps (p. 60).	

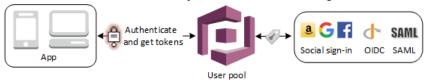
## Amazon Cognito User Pools

A user pool is a user directory in Amazon Cognito. With a user pool, your users can sign in to your web or mobile app through Amazon Cognito. Your users can also sign in through social identity providers like Facebook or Amazon, and through SAML identity providers. Whether your users sign in directly or through a third party, all members of the user pool have a directory profile that you can access through an SDK.

#### User pools provide:

- · Sign-up and sign-in services.
- A built-in, customizable web UI to sign in users.
- Social sign-in with Facebook, Google, and Login with Amazon, as well as sign-in with SAML identity providers from your user pool.
- User directory management and user profiles.
- Security features such as multi-factor authentication (MFA), checks for compromised credentials, account takeover protection, and phone and email verification.
- Customized workflows and user migration through AWS Lambda triggers.

After successfully authenticating a user, Amazon Cognito issues JSON web tokens (JWT) that you can use to secure and authorize access to your own APIs, or exchange for AWS credentials.



Amazon Cognito provides token handling through the Amazon Cognito User Pools Identity SDKs for JavaScript, Android, and iOS. See Getting Started with User Pools (p. 14) and Using Tokens with User Pools (p. 195).

The two main components of Amazon Cognito are user pools and identity pools. Identity pools provide AWS credentials to grant your users access to other AWS services. To enable users in your user pool to access AWS resources, you can configure an identity pool to exchange user pool tokens for AWS credentials. For more information see Accessing AWS Services Using an Identity Pool After Signin (p. 204) and Getting Started with Amazon Cognito Identity Pools (Federated Identities) (p. 228).

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## **Getting Started with User Pools**

These steps describe setting up and configuring a user pool with the Amazon Cognito console. For a guide for where to start with Amazon Cognito, see Getting Started with Amazon Cognito (p. 5).

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### Prerequisite: Sign Up for an AWS Account

To use Amazon Cognito, you need an AWS account. If you don't already have one, use the following procedure to sign up:

#### To sign up for an AWS account

- 1. Open https://portal.aws.amazon.com/billing/signup.
- 2. Follow the online instructions.

Part of the sign-up procedure involves receiving a phone call and entering a verification code on the phone keypad.

#### **Next Step**

Step 1. Create a User Directory with a User Pool (p. 14)

### Step 1. Create a User Directory with a User Pool

By using an Amazon Cognito user pool, you can create and maintain a user directory, and add sign-up and sign-in to your mobile app or web application.

#### To create a user pool

- 1. Go to the Amazon Cognito console. You might be prompted for your AWS credentials.
- 2. Choose Manage User Pools.
- 3. In the top-right corner of the page, choose **Create a user pool**.
- 4. Provide a name for your user pool, and choose Review defaults to save the name.

- 5. In the top-left corner of the page, choose **Attributes**, choose **Email address or phone number** and **Allow email addresses**, and then choose **Next step** to save.
- 6. In the top-left corner of the page, choose Review.
- Review the user pool information and make any necessary changes. When the information is correct, choose Create pool.

#### **Next Step**

Step 2. Add an App to Enable the Hosted Web UI (p. 15)

### Step 2. Add an App to Enable the Hosted Web UI

After you create a user pool, you can create an app to use the built-in webpages for signing up and signing in your users.

#### To create an app in your user pool

- 1. Go to the Amazon Cognito console. You might be prompted for your AWS credentials.
- 2. Choose Manage your User Pools.
- 3. Choose an existing user pool from the list, or create a user pool.
- 4. On the navigation bar on the left-side of the page, choose App clients under General settings.
- 5. Choose Add an app client.
- 6. Give your app a name.
- 7. Clear the option **Generate client secret** for the purposes of this getting started exercise, as it would not be secure to send it on the URL using client-side JavaScript. The client secret is used by applications that have a server-side component that can secure the client secret.
- 8. Choose Create app client.
- 9. Note the App client ID.
- 10. Choose **Return to pool details**.
- 11. Configure the app.
  - a. Choose **App client settings** from the navigation bar on the left-side of the console page.
  - b. Select Cognito User Pool as one of the Enabled Identity Providers.

#### Note

To sign in with external identity providers (IdPs), such as Facebook, Amazon, or Google, as well as through OpenID Connect (OIDC) or SAML IdPs, first configure them as described next, and then return to the **App client settings** page to enable them.

c. Type a callback URL for the Amazon Cognito authorization server to call after users are authenticated. For a web app, the URL should start with https://, such as https://www.example.com.

For an iOS or Android app, you can use a callback URL such as myapp://.

d. Select Authorization code grant to return an authorization code that is then exchanged for user pool tokens. Because the tokens are never exposed directly to an end user, they are less likely to become compromised. However, a custom application is required on the backend to exchange the authorization code for user pool tokens. For security reasons, we recommend that you use the authorization code grant flow, together with see Proof Key for Code Exchange (PKCE), for mobile apps.

Under **Allowed OAuth Flows**, select **Implicit grant** to have user pool JSON web tokens (JWT) returned to you from Amazon Cognito. You can use this flow when there's no backend available to exchange an authorization code for tokens. It's also helpful for debugging tokens.

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You can enable both the **Authorization code grant** and the **Implicit code grant**, and then use each grant as needed.

Unless you specifically want to exclude one, select the check boxes for all of the **Allowed OAuth scopes**.

#### Note

Select **Client credentials** only if your app needs to request access tokens on its own behalf, not on behalf of a user.

- e. Choose Save changes.
- 12. Configure a user pool domain.
  - a. On the **Domain name** page, type a domain prefix that's available.
  - b. Make a note of the complete domain address.
  - c. Choose Save changes.

#### To view your sign-in page

You can view the hosted UI sign-in webpage with the following URL. Note the response\_type. In this case, response\_type=code for the authentication code grant.

```
https://your_domain/login?
response_type=code&client_id=your_app_client_id&redirect_uri=your_callback_url
```

You can view the hosted UI sign-in webpage with the following URL for the implicit code grant where **response\_type=token**. After a successful sign-in, Amazon Cognito returns user pool tokens to your web browser's address bar.

```
https://your_domain/login?
response_type=token&client_id=your_app_client_id&redirect_uri=your_callback_url
```

You can find the JSON web token (JWT) identity token after the #idtoken= parameter in the response.

Here's a sample response from an implicit grant request. Your identity token string will be much longer.

```
https://www.example.com/
#id_token=123456789tokens123456789&expires_in=3600&token_type=Bearer
```

You can decode and verify user pool tokens using AWS Lambda, see Decode and verify Amazon Cognito JWT tokens on the AWS GitHub website.

Amazon Cognito user pools tokens are signed using an RS256 algorithm.

You might have to wait a minute to refresh your browser before changes you made in the console appear.

Your domain is shown on the **Domain name** page. Your app client ID and callback URL are shown on the **App client settings** page.

#### **Next Step**

Step 3. Add Social Sign-in to a User Pool (Optional) (p. 17)

### Step 3. Add Social Sign-in to a User Pool (Optional)

You can enable your app users to sign in through a social identity provider (IdP) such as Facebook, Google, and Login with Amazon. Whether your users sign in directly or through a third party, all users have a profile in the user pool. Skip this step if you don't want to add sign in through a social sign-in identity provider.

#### Step 1: Register with a Social IdP

Before you create a social IdP with Amazon Cognito, you must register your application with the social IdP to receive a client ID and client secret.

#### To register an app with Facebook

- 1. Create a developer account with Facebook.
- 2. Sign in with your Facebook credentials.
- 3. From the My Apps menu, choose Create New App.
- 4. Give your Facebook app a name and choose **Create App ID**.
- 5. On the left navigation bar, choose **Settings** and then **Basic**.
- 6. Note the App ID and the App Secret. You will use them in the next section.
- 7. Choose + Add Platform from the bottom of the page.
- 8. Choose Website.
- 9. Under Website, type your user pool domain with the /oauth2/idpresponse endpoint into Site URL.

```
https://<your-user-pool-domain>/oauth2/idpresponse
```

- 10. Choose Save changes.
- 11. Type your user pool domain into App Domains.

```
https://<your-user-pool-domain>
```

- 12. Choose Save changes.
- 13. From the navigation bar choose Products and then Set up from Facebook Login.
- 14. From the navigation bar choose Facebook Login and then Settings.

Type your redirect URL into **Valid OAuth Redirect URIs**. It will consist of your user pool domain with the /oauth2/idpresponse endpoint.

```
https://<your-user-pool-domain>/oauth2/idpresponse
```

15. Choose Save changes.

#### To register an app with Amazon

- 1. Create a developer account with Amazon.
- 2. Sign in with your Amazon credentials.
- 3. You need to create an Amazon security profile to receive the Amazon client ID and client secret.

Choose **Apps and Services** from navigation bar at the top of the page and then choose **Login with Amazon**.

- 4. Choose Create a Security Profile.
- 5. Type in a Security Profile Name, a Security Profile Description, and a Consent Privacy Notice URL.
- 6. Choose Save.
- 7. Choose **Client ID** and **Client Secret** to show the client ID and secret. You will use them in the next section.
- 8. Hover over the gear and choose Web Settings, and then choose Edit.
- 9. Type your user pool domain into Allowed Origins.

```
https://<your-user-pool-domain>
```

10. Type your user pool domain with the /oauth2/idpresponse endpoint into Allowed Return URLs.

```
https://<your-user-pool-domain>/oauth2/idpresponse
```

11. Choose Save.

#### To register an app with Google

- 1. Create a developer account with Google.
- 2. Sign in with your Google credentials.
- 3. Choose CONFIGURE A PROJECT.
- 4. Type in a project name and choose **NEXT**.
- 5. Type in your product name and choose **NEXT**.
- 6. Choose Web browser from the Where are you calling from? drop-down list.
- 7. Type your user pool domain into Authorized JavaScript origins.

```
https://<your-user-pool-domain>
```

- 8. Choose **CREATE**. You will not use the **Client ID** and **Client Secret** from this step.
- 9. Choose DONE.
- 10. Sign in to the Google Console.
- 11. On the left navigation bar, choose **Credentials**.
- Create your OAuth 2.0 credentials by choosing OAuth client ID from the Create credentials dropdown list.
- 13. Choose **Web application**.
- 14. Type your user pool domain into Authorized JavaScript origins.

```
https://<your-user-pool-domain>
```

15. Type your user pool domain with the **/oauth2/idpresponse** endpoint into **Authorized Redirect URIs**.

https://<your-user-pool-domain>/oauth2/idpresponse

- 16. Choose Create twice.
- 17. Note the **OAuth client ID** and **client secret**. You will need them for the next section.
- 18. Choose OK.

#### Step 2: Add a Social IdP to Your User Pool

In this section, you configure a social IdP in your user pool using the client ID and client secret from the previous section.

#### To configure a user pool social identity provider with the AWS Management Console

- 1. Go to the Amazon Cognito console. You might be prompted for your AWS credentials.
- 2. Choose Manage your User Pools.
- 3. Choose an existing user pool from the list, or create a user pool.
- 4. On the left navigation bar, choose **Identity providers**.
- 5. Choose a social identity provider: Facebook, Google, or Login with Amazon.
- 6. Type the app client ID and app client secret that you received from the social identity provider in the previous section.
- 7. Type the names of the scopes that you want to authorize. Scopes define which user attributes (such as name and email) you want to access with your app. For Facebook, these should be separated by commas. For Google and Login with Amazon, they should be separated by spaces.

Social identity provider	Example scopes
Facebook	<pre>public_profile, email</pre>
Google	profile email openid
Login with Amazon	profile postal_code

Your app user is asked to consent to providing these attributes to your app. For more information about their scopes, see the documentation from Google, Facebook, and Login with Amazon.

- 8. Choose **Enable** for the social identity provider that you're configuring.
- 9. Choose **App client settings** from the navigation bar.
- 10. Select your social identity provider as one of the **Enabled Identity Providers** for your user pool app.
- 11. Type your callback URL into **Callback URL(s)** for your user pool app. This is the URL of the page where your user will be redirected after a successful sign-in.

https://www.example.com

- 12. Choose **Save changes**.
- 13. On the **Attribute mapping** tab, add mappings for at least the required attributes, typically email, as follows:
  - a. Select the check box to choose the Facebook, Google, or Amazon attribute name. You can also type the names of additional attributes that aren't listed in the Amazon Cognito console.
  - b. Choose the destination user pool attribute from the drop-down list.
  - c. Choose Save changes.

d. Choose Go to summary.

#### Step 3: Test Your Social IdP Configuration

You can create a login URL by using the elements from the previous two sections. Use it to test your social IdP configuration.

```
https://your_user_pool_domain/login?
response_type=code&client_id=your_client_id&redirect_uri=https://www.example.com
```

You can find your domain on the user pool **Domain name** console page. The client\_id is on the **App client settings** page. Use your callback URL for the **redirect\_uri** parameter. The callback URL address will be different from your user pool domain.

#### **Next Step**

Step 4. Add Sign-in with a SAML Identity Provider to a User Pool (Optional) (p. 20)

## Step 4. Add Sign-in with a SAML Identity Provider to a User Pool (Optional)

You can enable your app users to sign in through a SAML identity provider (IdP). Whether your users sign in directly or through a third party, all users have a profile in the user pool. Skip this step if you don't want to add sign in through a SAML identity provider.

You need to update your SAML identity provider and configure your user pool. See the documentation for your SAML identity provider for information about how to add your user pool as a relying party or application for your SAML 2.0 identity provider.

You also need to provide an assertion consumer endpoint to your SAML identity provider. Configure this endpoint for SAML 2.0 POST binding in your SAML identity provider:

```
https://<yourDomainPrefix>.auth.<region>.amazoncognito.com/saml2/idpresponse
```

You can find your domain prefix and the region value for your user pool on the **Domain name** tab of the Amazon Cognito console.

For some SAML identity providers, you also need to provide the SP urn / Audience URI / SP Entity ID, in the form:

```
urn:amazon:cognito:sp:<yourUserPoolID>
```

You can find your user pool ID on the **App client settings** tab in the Amazon Cognito console.

You should also configure your SAML identity provider to provide attribute values for any attributes that are required in your user pool. Typically, email is a required attribute for user pools. In that case, the SAML identity provider should provide an email value (claim) in the SAML assertion.

Amazon Cognito user pools support SAML 2.0 federation with post-binding endpoints. This eliminates the need for your app to retrieve or parse SAML assertion responses, because the user pool directly receives the SAML response from your identity provider via a user agent.

#### To configure a SAML 2.0 identity provider in your user pool

- 1. Go to the Amazon Cognito console. You might be prompted for your AWS credentials.
- 2. Choose Manage your User Pools.
- 3. Choose an existing user pool from the list, or create a user pool.
- 4. On the left navigation bar, choose **Identity providers**.
- 5. Choose SAML to open the SAML dialog.
- Under Metadata document upload a metadata document from your SAML IdP. You can also enter a
  URL that points to the metadata document. For more information, see Integrating Third-Party SAML
  Identity Providers with Amazon Cognito User Pools (p. 101).

#### Note

We recommend that you provide the endpoint URL if it is a public endpoint, rather than uploading a file, because this allows Amazon Cognito to refresh the metadata automatically. Typically metadata refresh happens every 6 hours or before the metadata expires, whichever is earlier.

- 7. Enter your SAML **Provider name**. For more information on SAML naming see Choosing SAML Identity Provider Names (p. 97).
- 8. Enter any optional SAML Identifiers you want to use.
- 9. Select **Enable IdP sign out flow** if you want your user to be logged out from the SAML IdP when logging out from Amazon Cognito.

Enabling this flow sends a signed logout request to the SAML IdP when the LOGOUT Endpoint (p. 333) is called.

Configure this endpoint for consuming logout responses from your IdP. This endpoint uses post binding.

https://<yourDomainPrefix>.auth.<region>.amazoncognito.com/saml2/logout

#### Note

If this option is selected and your SAML identity provider expects a signed logout request, you will also need to configure the signing certificate provided by Amazon Cognito with your SAML IdP.

The SAML IdP will process the signed logout request and logout your user from the Amazon Cognito session.

- 10. Choose Create provider.
- 11. On the Attribute mapping tab, add mappings for at least the required attributes, typically email, as follows:
  - a. Type the SAML attribute name as it appears in the SAML assertion from your identity provider. If your identity provider offers sample SAML assertions, that might help you to find the name. Some identity providers use simple names, such as email, while others use names similar to this:

http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/ws/2005/05/identity/claims/emailaddress

- b. Choose the destination user pool attribute from the drop-down list.
- 12. Choose Save changes.
- 13. Choose Go to summary.

For more information, see Adding SAML Identity Providers to a User Pool (p. 95).

#### **Next Step**

Step 5. Install an Amazon Cognito User Pools SDK (p. 22)

## Step 5. Install an Amazon Cognito User Pools SDK

Amazon Cognito offers two user pool SDKs, which complement each other.

The **Amazon Cognito Identity SDK** is the core user pools library. Install it to interact with the user management and authentication functions in the Amazon Cognito User Pools API.

The Amazon Cognito Auth SDK leverages the built-in hosted UI webpages. Install it to add webpages to your app for the following: sign-up, sign-in, confirmation, multi-factor authentication (MFA), and sign-out.

#### **JavaScript**

User Pool SDK	Sample Code	Documentation
Identity SDK for JavaScript	Identity SDK samples  AWS Mobile React starter kit	Adding a JavaScript App to Amazon Cognito User Pools (p. 24) AWS Amplify Library
Auth SDK for JavaScript	Auth SDK sample app	Amazon Cognito User Pools Auth API Reference (p. 322)

#### **Android**

User Pool SDK	Sample Code	Documentation
Identity SDK for Android	Identity SDK samples  Mobile SDK for Android samples	Adding an Android App to Amazon Cognito User Pools (p. 39) Mobile SDK for Android Documentation
Auth SDK for Android	Auth SDK Sample app	Amazon Cognito User Pools Auth API Reference (p. 322)

#### iOS

User Pool SDK	Sample Code	Documentation
Identity SDK for iOS	Identity SDK samples  Mobile SDK for iOS samples	Adding an iOS App to Amazon Cognito User Pools (p. 59) AWS Mobile SDK for iOS Documentation

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User Pool SDK	Sample Code	Documentation
Auth SDK for iOS is included	Auth SDK sample app	Amazon Cognito User Pools Auth API Reference (p. 322)
in the Mobile SDK for iOS.		Autii API Reference (p. 522)

#### Other AWS SDKs

For other SDKs and documention, see AWS SDKs.

### **Next Steps**

Now that you've created a user pool and installed an SDK, here are some places to go next.

See how to set up Amazon Cognito with your JavaScript, Android, and iOS apps:

- Adding a JavaScript App to Amazon Cognito User Pools (p. 24)
- Adding an Android App to Amazon Cognito User Pools (p. 39)
- Adding an iOS App to Amazon Cognito User Pools (p. 59)

#### Dive deep into these user pool features:

- · Customizing the Built-in Sign-in and Sign-up Webpages (p. 85)
- Adding Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) to a User Pool (p. 110)
- Adding Advanced Security to a User Pool (p. 113)
- Customizing User Pool Workflows with Lambda Triggers (p. 121)
- Using Amazon Pinpoint Analytics with Amazon Cognito User Pools (p. 159)

For an overview of Amazon Cognito authentication and authorization cases, see Common Amazon Cognito Scenarios (p. 6).

To access other AWS services after a successful user pool authentication, see Accessing AWS Services Using an Identity Pool After Sign-in (p. 204).

In addition to the AWS Management Console and the user pool SDKs mentioned previously in this section, you can also interact with your user pool profiles by using the AWS Command Line Interface.

## Adding a Web or Mobile App to Amazon Cognito User Pools

With Amazon Cognito user pools, you can enable your web and mobile app users to sign up and sign in. You can change passwords for authenticated users and initiate forgotten password flows for unauthenticated users.

Amazon Cognito User Pools provides an Identity SDK for JavaScript, Android, and iOS. With it you can store and manage the signed JSON web tokens (JWT) returned to you by Amazon Cognito after a successful user pool authentication. To learn more about tokens see Using Tokens with User Pools (p. 195).

#### **Topics**

- Adding a JavaScript App to Amazon Cognito User Pools (p. 24)
- Adding an Android App to Amazon Cognito User Pools (p. 39)
- Adding an iOS App to Amazon Cognito User Pools (p. 59)

## Adding a JavaScript App to Amazon Cognito User Pools

With Amazon Cognito user pools, you can enable your web and mobile app users to sign up and sign in. You can change passwords for authenticated users and initiate forgotten password flows for unauthenticated users. The following section provides setup information and examples so you can use the Amazon Cognito Identity Provider to retrieve and update user pool profiles.

Add user pools to your JavaScript-based web applications with the AWS Amplify Library for Web which includes the Amazon Cognito Identity Provider. For more information see Set Up the AWS Amplify Library for Web. See also the AWS Amplify Library Authentication Guide.

#### Note

The Amazon Cognito Identity SDK for JavaScript is now part of the AWS Amplify Library.

#### **Topics**

- Tutorial: Integrating User Pools for JavaScript Apps (p. 24)
- Examples: Using the JavaScript SDK (p. 28)
- Example: Authenticate and Set a New Password for a User Created with the AdminCreateUser API in the SDK for JavaScript (p. 37)
- Example: Migrating JavaScript Users with a Lambda Trigger (p. 38)

#### Tutorial: Integrating User Pools for JavaScript Apps

This tutorial helps you use the Amazon Cognito SDK for JavaScript to get started with user pools.

#### Topics

- Step 1: Creating a User Pool for your JavaScript App by Using the Console (p. 24)
- Step 2: Creating a User Pool Object in Your App (p. 25)
- Step 3: Signing up Users for Your App (p. 25)
- Step 4: Confirming Users for Your App (p. 26)
- Step 5: Signing Users in to Your App (p. 26)
- Step 6: Getting User Details (p. 27)
- Step 7: Getting Credentials to Access AWS Resources for an App User (p. 27)
- Next Steps (p. 28)

#### Step 1: Creating a User Pool for your JavaScript App by Using the Console

The following procedure describes how to create a user pool and use it in your app. This procedure creates a user pool ID and an app client ID. For information on customizing these settings, see User Pools Reference (AWS Management Console) (p. 206).

#### To create a user pool for your app

1. Sign in to the Amazon Cognito console

- 2. Choose Manage your User Pools.
- 3. Choose Create a User Pool.
- 4. In **Pool name**, type a name for the pool and then choose **Review defaults**. This creates the pool with the default settings.
- 5. From the left navigation pane, choose **Attributes** to specify which attributes are required and which attributes to use as aliases. After you set the following attributes and after users in the pool verify their email addresses, they can sign in with their usernames or email addresses.
  - a. For email, choose Required and Alias.
  - b. For phone number, choose Required and Alias.
  - c. For given name, choose Required.
  - d. Choose Save changes.
- 6. From the left navigation pane, choose **Policies** to specify the password policy. For this tutorial, use the default settings.
- From the left navigation pane, choose Message customizations. On this page, you can customize
  the messages that are sent to the users in your pool to deliver verification codes. For this tutorial,
  use the default settings.
- 8. From the left navigation pane, choose **App clients** and then choose **Add an app client**. You can create multiple app clients for a user pool.
- 9. For **App name**, type a name for your app. Ensure that the **Generate client secret** check box is cleared, and then choose **Set attribute read and write permissions**. Select the attributes that require write permissions. Required attributes always have write permissions.

#### Note

The Amazon Cognito JavaScript SDK does not use the app client secret. If you configure your user pool app client with an app client secret, the SDK will throw exceptions.

- 10. Choose **Create app** and then choose **Save changes**.
- 11. From the left navigation bar, choose **Review** and then choose **Create pool**.
- 12. Note the pool ID and client ID. You can find the app client ID under **App clients** on the left navigation bar.

#### Step 2: Creating a User Pool Object in Your App

To create a user pool object, you need the user pool ID and client ID that you obtained in step 1. The following example shows how to create a CognitoUserPool object. The JavaScript SDK does not support the app client secret. If you configure your user pool app client with an app client secret, the SDK will throw exceptions.

```
var poolData = {
    UserPoolId : '...', // your user pool id here
    ClientId : '...' // your app client id here
};
var userPool =
new AmazonCognitoIdentity.CognitoUserPool(poolData);
var userData = {
    Username : '...', // your username here
    Pool : userPool
};
```

#### Step 3: Signing up Users for Your App

After creating a user pool object, users can be signed up for the app. The user's information can be collected through the web UI and used to populate CognitoUserAttribute objects that are passed in the signUp call.

```
var attributeList = [];
var dataEmail = {
    Name : 'email',
    Value : '...' // your email here
};
var dataPhoneNumber = {
    Name : 'phone_number',
    Value : '...' // your phone number here with +country code and no delimiters in front
};
var attributeEmail =
new AmazonCognitoIdentity.CognitoUserAttribute(dataEmail);
var attributePhoneNumber =
new AmazonCognitoIdentity.CognitoUserAttribute(dataPhoneNumber);
attributeList.push(attributeEmail);
attributeList.push(attributePhoneNumber);
var cognitoUser;
userPool.signUp('username', 'password', attributeList, null, function(err, result){
    if (err) {
        alert(err);
        return;
    cognitoUser = result.user;
    console.log('user name is ' + cognitoUser.getUsername());
});
```

#### Step 4: Confirming Users for Your App

After signing up, the user confirms the sign-up by entering a code sent either through SMS or email (based on the user pool settings). Alternatively, you can use a PreSignUp AWS Lambda function to automatically confirm your users. To confirm sign-up, you must collect the code ('123456' in the following example) received by the user and use it as follows.

```
cognitoUser.confirmRegistration('123456', true, function(err, result) {
   if (err) {
      alert(err);
      return;
   }
   console.log('call result: ' + result);
});
```

The registration code can be resent by using the resendConfirmationCode method of a cognitoUser object. This is an unauthenticated call and only the username, the client ID, and the user pool information are needed.

#### Step 5: Signing Users in to Your App

A confirmed user signs in to obtain a session. The session contains an ID token that contains user claims, an access token that is used internally to perform authenticated calls, and a refresh token that is used internally to refresh the session after it expires each hour. For more information about tokens, see Using Tokens with User Pools (p. 195). If sign in is successful, the onSuccess callback is called. If sign in fails, the onFailure callback is called. If sign in requires MFA, the mfaRequired callback is called and you must invoke sendMFACode on the cognitoUser object. The verification code that is received must be passed and the user is then signed in.

```
var authenticationData = {
   Username : '...', // your username here
```

```
Password : '...', // your password here
    }:
    var authenticationDetails =
new AmazonCognitoIdentity.AuthenticationDetails(authenticationData);
    var cognitoUser =
new AmazonCognitoIdentity.CognitoUser(userData);
    cognitoUser.authenticateUser(authenticationDetails, {
        onSuccess: function (result) {
            var accessToken = result.getAccessToken().getJwtToken();
        },
        onFailure: function(err) {
            alert(err);
        },
        mfaRequired: function(codeDeliveryDetails) {
            var verificationCode = prompt('Please input verification code' ,'');
            cognitoUser.sendMFACode(verificationCode, this);
    });
```

#### Step 6: Getting User Details

After signing in, a user can perform authorized operations such as retrieving user attributes, verifying user attributes (such as an unverified email address), deleting user attributes, updating user attributes, changing the user password, and deleting the user account. For user pools that have an optional MFA setting, users can enable or disable MFA for themselves. Signing out from the app clears the local user session and the user must sign in again to establish a new session.

If users forget their passwords, they can initiate a forgotten password flow. A code will be sent to the user. The user uses this code together with a new password to complete the flow. The relevant call is forgotPassword on a cognitoUser object that is unauthenticated; the relevant callbacks are shown in the following example.

```
cognitoUser.forgotPassword({
    onSuccess: function (result) {
        console.log('call result: ' + result);
    },
    onFailure: function(err) {
        alert(err);
    },
    inputVerificationCode() {
        var verificationCode = prompt('Please input verification code ' ,'');
        var newPassword = prompt('Enter new password ' ,'');
        cognitoUser.confirmPassword(verificationCode, newPassword, this);
    }
});
```

#### Step 7: Getting Credentials to Access AWS Resources for an App User

If you want to work with other AWS services, you must first create an Amazon Cognito identity pool (p. 230). After you create this identity pool, you can get AWS credentials by passing the identity pool ID and the ID token (which were obtained earlier) when signing in the user. The following example shows how to populate IdentityPoolId and pass the ID token through the Logins map.

```
AWS.config.credentials = new AWS.CognitoIdentityCredentials({
    IdentityPoolId: 'us-east-1:XXXXXXXX-XXXX-XXXX-XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX,
    Logins: {
        'cognito-idp.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/us-east-1_XXXXXXXXXX:
    result.getIdToken().getJwtToken()
}
```

```
});

AWS.config.credentials.get(function(err){
    if (err) {
        alert(err);
    }
});
```

#### **Next Steps**

For more examples and an overview of the code used in this tutorial, see the Amazon Cognito Identity JavaScript GitHub repository.

#### Examples: Using the JavaScript SDK

#### Register a User with the Application

You need to create a CognitoUserPool object by providing a UserPoolId and a ClientId, and registering by using a username, password, attribute list, and validation data.

```
var poolData = { UserPoolId : 'us-east-1_TcoKGbf7n',
       ClientId: '4pe2usejqcdmhi0a25jp4b5sh3'
   var userPool = new AmazonCognitoIdentity.CognitoUserPool(poolData);
   var attributeList = [];
   var dataEmail = {
       Name : 'email'.
       Value : 'email@mydomain.com'
   var dataPhoneNumber = {
       Name : 'phone_number',
       Value : '+15555555555'
   };
   var attributeEmail = new AmazonCognitoIdentity.CognitoUserAttribute(dataEmail);
  var attributePhoneNumber = new
AmazonCognitoIdentity.CognitoUserAttribute(dataPhoneNumber);
   attributeList.push(attributeEmail);
   attributeList.push(attributePhoneNumber);
   userPool.signUp('username', 'password', attributeList, null, function(err, result){
       if (err) {
           alert(err);
           return;
       cognitoUser = result.user;
       console.log('user name is ' + cognitoUser.getUsername());
   });
```

#### Retrieve the current user from local storage

```
var data = { UserPoolId : 'us-east-1_Iqc12345',
        ClientId : '12345du353sm7khjj1q'
};
var userPool = new AmazonCognitoIdentity.CognitoUserPool(data);
var cognitoUser = userPool.getCurrentUser();
if (cognitoUser != null) {
```

```
cognitoUser.getSession(function(err, session) {
    if (err) {
        alert(err);
        return;
    }
    console.log('session validity: ' + session.isValid());
});
}
```

#### Authenticate a User

The following example authenticates a user and establishes a user session with the Amazon Cognito service.

#### Note

If the user was created by the administrator in the console, and not through the preceding JavaScript examples, see Example: Handling Users Created Using the AdminCreateUser API in the Mobile SDK for Android (p. 57) and Creating User Accounts as Administrator (p. 168).

```
var authenticationData = {
       Username: 'username',
       Password: 'password',
   };
   var authenticationDetails = new
AmazonCognitoIdentity.AuthenticationDetails(authenticationData);
   var poolData = { UserPoolId : 'us-east-1_TcoKGbf7n',
       ClientId : '4pe2usejqcdmhi0a25jp4b5sh3'
   };
   var userPool = new AmazonCognitoIdentity.CognitoUserPool(poolData);
   var userData = {
       Username: 'username',
       Pool : userPool
   }:
   var cognitoUser = new AmazonCognitoIdentity.CognitoUser(userData);
   cognitoUser.authenticateUser(authenticationDetails, {
       onSuccess: function (result) {
           var accessToken = result.getAccessToken().getJwtToken();
           /* Use the idToken for Logins Map when Federating User Pools with identity
pools or when passing through an Authorization Header to an API Gateway Authorizer*/
           var idToken = result.idToken.jwtToken;
       },
       onFailure: function(err) {
           alert(err);
       },
   });
```

#### Enable MFA for a User Pool

The following example enables multi-factor authentication (MFA) for a user pool that has an optional MFA setting for an authenticated user.

```
cognitoUser.enableMFA(function(err, result) {
   if (err) {
      alert(err);
      return;
   }
   console.log('call result: ' + result);
});
```

## Disable MFA for a User Pool

The following example disables multi-factor authentication (MFA) for a user pool that has an optional MFA setting for an authenticated user.

```
cognitoUser.disableMFA(function(err, result) {
   if (err) {
      alert(err);
      return;
   }
   console.log('call result: ' + result);
});
```

## Create a User Pool Object

## Sign Up For the Application

```
var attribute = {
    Name : 'email',
    Value : 'email@mydomain.com'
};

var attributeEmail = new AmazonCognitoIdentity.CognitoUserAttribute(attribute);
var attributeList = [];

attributeList.push(attributeEmail);
var cognitoUser;

userPool.signUp('username', 'password', attributeList, null, function(err, result) {
    if (err) {
        alert(err);
        return;
    }
    cognitoUser = result.user;
});
```

## Sign in With MFA Enabled

```
var userData = {
    Username : 'username',
    Pool : userPool
};

cognitoUser = new AmazonCognitoIdentity.CognitoUser(userData);

var authenticationData = {
    Username : 'username',
    Password : 'password',
};

var authenticationDetails = new
AmazonCognitoIdentity.AuthenticationDetails(authenticationData);
```

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```
cognitoUser.authenticateUser(authenticationDetails, {
    onSuccess: function (result) {
        alert('authentication successful!')
    },
    onFailure: function(err) {
        alert(err);
    },
    mfaRequired: function(codeDeliveryDetails) {
        var verificationCode = prompt('Please input verification code' ,'');
        cognitoUser.sendMFACode(verificationCode, this);
    }
});
```

## **Update Attributes**

The following example updates user attributes for an authenticated user.

```
var attributeList = [];
var attribute = {
    Name : 'nickname',
    Value : 'joe'
};
var attribute = new AmazonCognitoIdentity.CognitoUserAttribute(attribute);
attributeList.push(attribute);

cognitoUser.updateAttributes(attributeList, function(err, result) {
    if (err) {
        alert(err);
        return;
    }
    console.log('call result: ' + result);
});
```

## **Delete Attributes**

The following example deletes user attributes for an authenticated user.

```
var attributeList = [];
attributeList.push('nickname');

cognitoUser.deleteAttributes(attributeList, function(err, result) {
    if (err) {
        alert(err);
        return;
    }
    console.log('call result: ' + result);
});
```

## Verify an Attribute

The following example verifies user attributes for an authenticated user.

```
cognitoUser.getAttributeVerificationCode('email', {
   onSuccess: function (result) {
      console.log('call result: ' + result);
   },
```

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```
onFailure: function(err) {
    alert(err);
},
inputVerificationCode: function() {
    var verificationCode = prompt('Please input verification code: ' ,'');
    cognitoUser.verifyAttribute('email', verificationCode, this);
}
});
```

#### **Retrieve Attributes**

The following example retrieves user attributes for an authenticated user.

```
cognitoUser.getUserAttributes(function(err, result) {
    if (err) {
        alert(err);
        return;
    }
    for (i = 0; i < result.length; i++) {
        console.log('attribute ' + result[i].getName() + ' has value ' +
    result[i].getValue());
    }
});</pre>
```

#### Resend a Confirmation Code

The following example resends a confirmation code via SMS that confirms the registration for an unauthenticated user.

```
cognitoUser.resendConfirmationCode(function(err, result) {
    if (err) {
        alert(err);
        return;
     }
     alert(result);
});
```

## **Confirm Registration**

```
cognitoUser.confirmRegistration('123456', true, function(err, result) {
    if (err) {
        alert(err);
        return;
    }
    alert(result);
});
```

## Change a Password

The following example changes the current password of an authenticated user.

```
cognitoUser.changePassword('oldPassword', 'newPassword', function(err, result) {
   if (err) {
      alert(err);
      return;
   }
   console.log('call result: ' + result);
});
```

## Forgotten Password Flow

The following example starts and completes a forgotten password flow for an unauthenticated user.

```
cognitoUser.forgotPassword({
    onSuccess: function (result) {
        console.log('call result: ' + result);
    },
    onFailure: function(err) {
        alert(err);
    },
    inputVerificationCode() {
        var verificationCode = prompt('Please input verification code ' ,'');
        var newPassword = prompt('Enter new password ' ,'');
        cognitoUser.confirmPassword(verificationCode, newPassword, this);
    }
});
```

#### Delete a User

The following example deletes an authenticated user.

```
cognitoUser.deleteUser(function(err, result) {
    if (err) {
        alert(err);
        return;
    }
    console.log('call result: ' + result);
});
```

## Sign a User Out

The following example signs the current user out from the application.

```
if (cognitoUser != null) {
    cognitoUser.signOut();
}
```

## Sign a User Out Globally

The following example signs the current user out globally by invalidating all issued tokens.

```
cognitoUser.globalSignOut();
```

#### Get the Current User

The following example retrieves the current user from local storage.

```
var data = {
    UserPoolId : '...', // Your user pool id here
    ClientId : '...' // Your client id here
};
var userPool = new AmazonCognitoIdentity.CognitoUserPool(data);
var cognitoUser = userPool.getCurrentUser();

if (cognitoUser != null) {
    cognitoUser.getSession(function(err, session) {
```

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```
if (err) {
             alert(err);
              return;
          console.log('session validity: ' + session.isValid());
          AWS.config.credentials = new AWS.CognitoIdentityCredentials({
              IdentityPoolId : '...' // your identity pool id here
              Logins : {
                  // Change the key below according to the specific region your user pool
is in.
                  'cognito-idp.com/<YOUR_USER_POOL_ID>':
session.getIdToken().getJwtToken()
          });
          // Instantiate aws sdk service objects now that the credentials have been
updated.
          // example: var s3 = new AWS.S3();
      });
   }
```

## Integrate a User in a User Pool with an Identity Pool

The following example integrates the current user in a user pool with the specified identity pool.

```
var cognitoUser = userPool.getCurrentUser();
   if (cognitoUser != null) {
       cognitoUser.getSession(function(err, result) {
           if (result) {
               console.log('You are now logged in.');
               // Add the User's Id Token to the Cognito credentials login map.
               AWS.config.credentials = new AWS.CognitoIdentityCredentials({
                   IdentityPoolId: 'YOUR_IDENTITY_POOL_ID',
                   Logins: {
                       'cognito-idp.<region>.amazonaws.com/<YOUR_USER_POOL_ID>':
result.getIdToken().getJwtToken()
               });
           }
       });
   //call refresh method in order to authenticate user and get new temp credentials
   AWS.config.credentials.refresh((error) => {
       if (error) {
           console.error(error);
       } else {
           console.log('Successfully logged!');
       });
```

## List All Devices for a User

The following example lists all devices for an authenticated user. In this case, we need to pass a limit on the number of devices retrieved at a time. In the first call, the pagination token should be null. The first call returns a pagination token, which should be passed in all subsequent calls.

```
cognitoUser.listDevices(limit, paginationToken, {
  onSuccess: function (result) {
```

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```
console.log('call result: ' + result);
},
onFailure: function(err) {
    alert(err);
}
});
```

#### **List Device Information**

The following example lists information about the current device.

```
cognitoUser.listDevices(limit, paginationToken, {
   onSuccess: function (result) {
      console.log('call result: ' + result);
   },
   onFailure: function(err) {
      alert(err);
   }
});
```

#### Remember a Device

The following example remembers a device.

```
cognitoUser.setDeviceStatusRemembered({
    onSuccess: function (result) {
        console.log('call result: ' + result);
    },
    onFailure: function(err) {
        alert(err);
    }
});
```

#### Do Not Remember a Device

The following example marks a device as not to be remembered.

```
cognitoUser.setDeviceStatusNotRemembered({
    onSuccess: function (result) {
        console.log('call result: ' + result);
    },
    onFailure: function(err) {
        alert(err);
    }
});
```

## Forget a Device

The following example forgets the current device.

```
cognitoUser.forgetDevice({
   onSuccess: function (result) {
      console.log('call result: ' + result);
   },
   onFailure: function(err) {
      alert(err);
   }
});
```

## Confirm a Registered, Unauthenticated User

The following example confirms a registered, unauthenticated user using a confirmation code received via SMS message.

```
var poolData = {
    UserPoolId : 'us-east-1_TcoKGbf7n',
    ClientId : '4pe2usejqcdmhiOa25jp4b5sh3'
};

var userPool = new AmazonCognitoIdentity.CognitoUserPool(poolData);
var userData = {
    Username : 'username',
    Pool : userPool
};

var cognitoUser = new AmazonCognitoIdentity.CognitoUser(userData);
cognitoUser.confirmRegistration('123456', true, function(err, result) {
    if (err) {
        alert(err);
        return;
    }
    console.log('call result: ' + result);
});
```

## Select the MFA Method and Authenticate Using TOTP MFA

The following example selects the MFA method and authenticates using TOTP.

```
var authenticationData = {
      Username: 'username',
      Password: 'password',
   };
   var authenticationDetails = new
AmazonCognitoIdentity.AuthenticationDetails(authenticationData);
   var poolData = {
      UserPoolId : '...', // Your user pool id here
      ClientId : '...' // Your client id here
   };
   var userPool = new AmazonCognitoIdentity.CognitoUserPool(poolData);
   var userData = {
      Username: 'username',
      Pool : userPool
   };
   var cognitoUser = new AmazonCognitoIdentity.CognitoUser(userData);
   cognitoUser.authenticateUser(authenticationDetails, {
      onSuccess: function (result) {
          var accessToken + ' + result.getAccessToken().getJwtToken());
      },
       onFailure: function(err) {
           alert(err);
      mfaSetup: function(challengeName, challengeParameters) {
           cognitoUser.associateSoftwareToken(this);
       associateSecretCode : function(secretCode) {
           var challengeAnswer = prompt('Please input the TOTP code.' ,'');
           cognitoUser.verifySoftwareToken(challengeAnswer, 'My TOTP device', this);
```

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```
},
selectMFAType : function(challengeName, challengeParameters) {
    var mfaType = prompt('Please select the MFA method.', '');
    cognitoUser.sendMFASelectionAnswer(mfaType, this);
},

totpRequired : function(secretCode) {
    var challengeAnswer = prompt('Please input the TOTP code.','');
    cognitoUser.sendMFACode(challengeAnswer, this, 'SOFTWARE_TOKEN_MFA');
}
});
```

#### Enable and Set SMS MFA as the Preferred MFA Method for the User

The following example enables and sets SMS MFA as the preferred MFA method for the user.

```
smsMfaSettings = {
    PreferredMfa : true,
    Enabled : true
};
cognitoUser.setUserMfaPreference(smsMfaSettings, null, function(err, result) {
    if (err) {
        alert(err);
    }
    console.log('call result ' + result)
});
```

# Enable and Set TOTP Software Token MFA as the Preferred MFA Method for the User

The following example enables and sets TOTP software token MFA as the preferred MFA method for the user.

```
totpMfaSettings = {
    PreferredMfa : true,
    Enabled : true
};
cognitoUser.setUserMfaPreference(null, totpMfaSettings, function(err, result) {
    if (err) {
        alert(err);
    }
    console.log('call result ' + result)
});
```

# Example: Authenticate and Set a New Password for a User Created with the AdminCreateUser API in the SDK for JavaScript

To support the user sign-in flow for users created by administrators (using the AdminCreateUser API), implement a newPasswordRequired callback method to set the new password when the user first signs in. The user first attempts to sign in with the temporary password he or she received in the invitation and the SDK calls your newPasswordRequired callback. Gather the required inputs, including the new password and required attributes, and then call the completeNewPasswordChallenge method, which is available in the CognitoUser class.

The newPasswordRequired callback takes two parameters: userAttributes and requiredAttributes.

```
cognitoUser.authenticateUser(authenticationDetails, {
       onSuccess: function (result) {
            // User authentication was successful
       onFailure: function(err) {
            // User authentication was not successful
       mfaRequired: function(codeDeliveryDetails) {
            // MFA is required to complete user authentication.
            // Get the code from user and call
            cognitoUser.sendMFACode(mfaCode, this)
       },
       newPasswordRequired: function(userAttributes, requiredAttributes) {
            // User was signed up by an admin and must provide new
            // password and required attributes, if any, to complete
            // authentication.
            // userAttributes: object, which is the user's current profile. It will list
all attributes that are associated with the user.
            // Required attributes according to schema, which don't have any values yet,
will have blank values.
            // requiredAttributes: list of attributes that must be set by the user along
with new password to complete the sign-in.
            // Get these details and call
            // newPassword: password that user has given
            // attributesData: object with key as attribute name and value that the user
has given.
            cognitoUser.completeNewPasswordChallenge(newPassword, attributesData, this)
   });
```

# Example: Migrating JavaScript Users with a Lambda Trigger

A user migration Lambda trigger allows easy migration of users from your existing user management system into your user pool without a password reset.

## Set Up a User Migration Lambda Trigger

Before making changes in your JavaScript app, set up a user migration Lambda for your user pool.

To learn more about Lambda triggers see Customizing User Pool Workflows with Lambda Triggers (p. 121).

For more information about migrating users with a Lambda trigger see Importing Users into User Pools With a User Migration Lambda Trigger (p. 176).

## JavaScript App Changes

Update your AWSCognitoIdentityProvider JavaScript SDK to version 2.0.2 or above.

#### **Authentication Flow for User Migration**

You can authenticate your users and validate their passwords against your legacy system and seamlessly migrate their profiles into your user pool. However, the service needs the legacy password to avoid a password reset.

The default authentication flow in the SDK implements the secure remote password (SRP) protocol where no password is actually sent over the wire. To enable user migration on your app, use the USER\_PASSWORD\_AUTH authentication flow which sends your password to the service over an encrypted SSL connection during authentication. After user migration, use the default SRP authentication flow.

Set the authentication flow type to USER\_PASSWORD\_AUTH.

```
cognitoUser.setAuthenticationFlowType('USER_PASSWORD_AUTH');

cognitoUser.authenticateUser(authenticationDetails, {
    onSuccess: function(result) {
        // User authentication was successful
    },
    onFailure: function(err) {
        // User authentication was not successful
    },
    mfaRequired: function (codeDeliveryDetails) {
        // MFA is required to complete user authentication.
        // Get the code from user and call
        cognitoUser.sendMFACode(verificationCode, this);
    }
});
```

# Adding an Android App to Amazon Cognito User Pools

With Amazon Cognito user pools, you can enable your web and mobile app users to sign up and sign in. You can change passwords for authenticated users and initiate forgotten password flows for unauthenticated users. The following section provides setup information and examples so you can use the Amazon Cognito Identity Provider to retrieve and update user pool profiles. These instructions are written for Android application development in Android Studio.

To get started see AWS Mobile SDK for Android and the Mobile SDK for Android documentation.

If you are a React Native developer then add user pools to your React Native applications with the AWS Amplify Library for React Native which includes the Amazon Cognito Identity Provider. For more information see Set Up the AWS Amplify Library for React Native. See also AWS Amplify Library Authentication Guide.

## **Gradle Dependencies**

Add these dependencies to your app's Gradle file:

- AWS Android Core SDK (aws-android-sdk-core-x.x.x.jar): Add the latest version of the AWS Android Core as the aws-android-sdk-core-2.2.8.jar as a dependency library to your project's build Gradle.
- AWS Cognito Identity Provider Android SDK (aws-android-sdk-cognitoidentityprovider:2.3.8.jar): Add the latest version of the Android SDK for Cognito Identity Provider in your app's build Gradle.

## **Network Permissions**

To allow your app to make network calls to talk to the AWS Cognito Identity Provider, you need to enable your app to perform network operations.

Include the following permissions in your app's manifest file:

```
<uses-permission android:name="android.permission.INTERNET" />
<uses-permission android:name="android.permission.ACCESS_NETWORK_STATE" />
```

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# Using the Mobile SDK for Android

In this section, you will learn about using the Mobile SDK for Android to use Amazon Cognito user pools in your apps. This SDK provides APIs to register (sign up), confirm, and authenticate users, and more.

## **Key Concepts**

#### **Executing in the Current Thread or a Background Thread**

All APIs that perform network calls to interact with the Amazon Cognito Identity Provider service have two methods. One of these methods executes the task and the network operations in the current thread (e.g., signUp()) and the other method (postfixed with InBackground, e.g., signUpInBackground()), executes the task in a background thread but invokes the callback methods in the thread where the InBackground method was invoked.

#### Caching

The Mobile SDK for Android caches the last successfully authenticated user and the user's tokens locally on the device, in SharedPreferences. The SDK also provides methods to get the last successfully authenticated user.

#### **App Id and App Secret**

The App ID (also called Client ID) and App Secret (also called Client Secret) are generated at the Amazon Cognito User Pools console. App Id is necessary to use the Mobile SDK for Android. The App Secret is optional. However, if an App Id has an associated App Secret, then you must use the App Id and App Secret in the SDK.

#### Main Classes

#### CognitoUserPool

Represents an abstraction of a user pool. Provides methods to register a new user and create a new instance CognitoUser for a user belonging to this pool.

## CognitoUser

Represents a single user in a user pool. Through this class you can perform all possible operations on a user, including authentication (Sign-In), managing user attributes and settings, and much more. You can create an instance of this class from the CognitoUserPool object.

#### CognitoUserSession

Encapsulates the tokens issued by Amazon Cognito (ID, access, and refresh token) and provides methods to read ID and access tokens.

#### CognitoUserDetails

Encapsulates CognitoUserAttributes and CognitoUserSettings.

#### CognitoUserAttributes

Encapsulates all user attributes and provides methods to read and write attributes. For more information about attributes, see Configuring User Pool Attributes (p. 207)

#### CognitoUserSettings

Encapsulates all user settings and provides methods to read and write attributes.

## **Tutorial: Integrating User Pools for Android Apps**

This tutorial outlines the key steps to integrate Amazon Cognito Your User Pools with an Android application. For a complete sample application that shows how to use user pools in your application, see the Amazon Cognito Your User Pools sample on the GitHub website.

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#### Step 1: Creating a User Pool for Your App by Using the Console

The following procedure describes how to create a user pool and use it in your app. This procedure creates a pool ID, an app client ID, and an app client secret using default settings. For information on customizing these settings, see User Pools Reference (AWS Management Console) (p. 206).

#### To create a user pool for your app

- 1. Sign in to the Amazon Cognito console
- Choose Manage your User Pools.
- Choose Create a User Pool.
- 4. In **Pool name**, type a name for the pool and then choose **Review defaults**. This creates the pool with the default settings.
- 5. From the left navigation pane, choose **Attributes** to specify which attributes are required and which attributes to use as aliases. After you set the following attributes and after users in the pool verify their email addresses, they can sign in with their usernames or email addresses.
  - a. For email, choose Required and Alias.
  - b. For phone number, choose Required and Alias.
  - c. For given name, choose Required.

- d. Choose Save changes.
- 6. From the left navigation pane, choose **Policies** to specify the password policy. For this tutorial, use the default settings.
- From the left navigation pane, choose Verifications. On this page, you can customize the messages
  that are sent to the users in your pool to deliver verification codes. For this tutorial, use the default
  settings.
- 8. From the left navigation pane, choose **App clients** and then choose **Add an app client**. You can create multiple app clients for a user pool.
- For App name, type a name for your app. Keep Generate app client secret selected, and then
  choose Set attribute read and write permissions. Select the attributes that require write
  permissions. Required attributes always have write permissions.
- 10. Choose Create app and then choose Save changes.
- 11. From the left navigation bar, choose **Review** and then choose **Create pool**.
- Note the Pool ID, Pool ARN, App client ID, and App client secret. You can find the app client ID and app client secret under App clients on the left navigation bar. To view the client secret, choose Show details.

## Step 2: Creating a User Pool Instance

To create an instance of a user pool object, you need the user pool ID, client ID, client secret, and AWS region. The following example shows how to create a CognitoUserPool instance. It is the entry point for all interactions with your user pool from your application. In the sample application the userPool is created in AppHelper.java.

The region parameter is a valid AWS region from the Mobile SDK for Android enum Regions.

```
/* Create a CognitoUserPool instance */
CognitoUserPool userPool = new CognitoUserPool(context, userPoolId, clientId, clientSecret,
    cognitoRegion);
```

## Step 3: Signing up Users for Your App

The following steps describe how to sign up users for your app.

#### To sign up users for your app

- 1. Collect the following information from the user:
  - user-id: This is used by the user to log in and must be unique within the pool.
  - password: This is the user's password.
  - user attributes: You must specify the required attributes (email, given name, and phone number) for your pool.
- 2. Use the pool instance to sign up the user.

```
// Create a CognitoUserAttributes object and add user attributes
CognitoUserAttributes userAttributes = new CognitoUserAttributes();

// Add the user attributes. Attributes are added as key-value pairs
// Adding user's given name.

// Note that the key is "given_name" which is the OIDC claim for given name
userAttributes.addAttribute("given_name", userGivenName);

// Adding user's phone number
```

```
userAttributes.addAttribute("phone_number", phoneNumber);

// Adding user's email address
userAttributes.addAttribute("email", emailAddress);
```

3. Create a callback handler for sign-up. The onSuccess method is called when the sign-up is

```
SignUpHandler signupCallback = new SignUpHandler() {
   public void onSuccess(CognitoUser cognitoUser, boolean userConfirmed,
CognitoUserCodeDeliveryDetails cognitoUserCodeDeliveryDetails) {
        // Sign-up was successful
       // Check if this user (cognitoUser) needs to be confirmed
       if(!userConfirmed) {
           // This user must be confirmed and a confirmation code was sent to the user
            // cognitoUserCodeDeliveryDetails will indicate where the confirmation code
was sent
            // Get the confirmation code from user
       else {
           // The user has already been confirmed
   }
   @Override
   public void onFailure(Exception exception) {
       // Sign-up failed, check exception for the cause
};
```

4. Call the sign-up API.

```
userPool.signUpInBackground(userId, password, userAttributes, null, signupCallback);
```

#### Step 4: Confirming Users for Your App

Users may need to be confirmed after they sign up before they can sign in. Users can confirm through email or phone. After a successful sign-up, if the user needs to be confirmed, a confirmation code is sent to the user's email address or phone number. You can also automatically confirm a user after sign-up by using Lambda triggers.

If a user provides an email address or phone number during sign-up, and you selected automatic verification for your user pool, a confirmation code is sent to the user's phone number as a text message or to the user's email address. The cognitoUserCodeDeliveryDetails object, which was delivered to the callback handler after successful sign-up, indicates where this confirmation code was sent. You can use this to let the user know how he or she will get confirmation code.

The following steps describe how to confirm user information before users can sign in to your app.

#### To confirm a user for your app

1. Create a callback handler to confirm the user. This callback handler is used by the SDK to communicate the results of the confirmation API call.

```
// Callback handler for confirmSignUp API
GenericHandler confirmationCallback = new GenericHandler() {
```

```
@Override
public void onSuccess() {
  // User was successfully confirmed
}

@Override
public void onFailure(Exception exception) {
  // User confirmation failed. Check exception for the cause.
}
};
```

 When a new user is confirmed, the user's attribute through which the confirmation code was sent (email address or phone number) is marked as verified. If this attribute is also set to be used as an alias, then the user can sign in with that attribute (email address or phone number) instead of the username.

## Step 5: Resolving Alias Value Conflicts

Alias values must be unique in a pool. When you confirm a new user, if that user's email address or phone number are used as an alias, and that email or phone number are already in use for an existing user in the pool, you must resolve this conflict. To ensure uniqueness, you can do either of the following:

• Set the forcedAliasCreation parameter to false. This resolves the conflict by allowing the user confirmation to fail. The attribute remains verified for the existing user and continues to be an alias for the existing user. The new user remains un-confirmed, as shown in the following example.

```
// This will cause confirmation to fail if the user attribute has been verified for
another user in the same pool
boolean forcedAliasCreation = false;

// Call API to confirm this user
cognitoUser.confirmSignUpInBackground(confirmationCode, forcedAliasCreation,
confirmationCallback);
```

• Setting the forcedAliasCreation parameter to true resolves the conflict by marking the attribute (email or phone number) as verified for the new user, and consequently marking it as not-verified for the existing user. This attribute is no longer an alias for the existing user.

All confirmed users can sign in. On successful sign-in, access and ID tokens are returned. These tokens are in a CognitoUserSession object.

## Step 6: Signing Users in to Your App

To sign a user in to your app, you must first create a callback handler for authentication. The following example shows how the SDK interacts with your application through this callback handler.

```
// Callback handler for the sign-in process
AuthenticationHandler authenticationHandler = new AuthenticationHandler() {
    @Override
    public void onSuccess(CognitoUserSession cognitoUserSession) {
        // Sign-in was successful, cognitoUserSession will contain tokens for the user
    }
    @Override
```

```
public void getAuthenticationDetails(AuthenticationContinuation
authenticationContinuation, String userId) {
        // The API needs user sign-in credentials to continue
       AuthenticationDetails authenticationDetails = new AuthenticationDetails(userId,
password, null);
        // Pass the user sign-in credentials to the continuation
        authenticationContinuation.setAuthenticationDetails(authenticationDetails);
        // Allow the sign-in to continue
        authenticationContinuation.continueTask();
    }
    public void getMFACode(MultiFactorAuthenticationContinuation
multiFactorAuthenticationContinuation) {
        // Multi-factor authentication is required; get the verification code from user
       \verb|multiFactorAuthenticationContinuation.setMfaCode(\verb|mfaVerificationCode|)|;\\
       // Allow the sign-in process to continue
       multiFactorAuthenticationContinuation.continueTask();
    }
    @Override
   public void onFailure(Exception exception) {
        // Sign-in failed, check exception for the cause
};
// Sign in the user
cognitoUser.getSessionInBackground(authenticationHandler);
```

## Step 7: Getting User Details

After authenticating a user, you can retrieve other information about the user in the user pool, as shown in the following example.

```
// Implement callback handler for getting details
GetDetailsHandler getDetailsHandler = new GetDetailsHandler() {
    @Override
    public void onSuccess(CognitoUserDetails cognitoUserDetails) {
        // The user detail are in cognitoUserDetails
    }
    @Override
    public void onFailure(Exception exception) {
        // Fetch user details failed, check exception for the cause
    }
};

// Fetch the user details
cognitoUser.getDetailsInBackground(getDetailsHandler);
```

## Step 8: Getting Credentials to Access AWS Resources for an App User

To get credentials to access AWS resources for your user, first create an identity pool and associate your user pool with that identity pool.

#### To get AWS credentials to access AWS resources

- 1. Sign in to the Amazon Cognito console.
- 2. Choose Manage Identity Pools.

- 3. Choose Create new identity pool. Type a name for your identity pool in Identity pool name.
- Expand the Authentication providers section. On the Cognito tab, type the User Pool ID and the App Client ID for the user pool you just created.
- 5. Choose Create Pool.
- 6. In your application code, add the ID tokens, received after successful authentication, to your credentials provider, as follows.

```
// Get id token from CognitoUserSession.
    String idToken = cognitoUserSession.getIdToken().getJWTToken();

// Create a credentials provider, or use the existing provider.
    CognitoCachingCredentialsProvider credentialsProvider = new
CognitoCachingCredentialsProvider(context, IDENTITY_POOL_ID, REGION);

// Set up as a credentials provider.
    Map<String, String> logins = new HashMap<String, String>();
    logins.put("cognito-idp.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/us-east-1_123456678",
cognitoUserSession.getIdToken().getJWTToken());
    credentialsProvider.setLogins(logins);
```

7. Use the credentials provider to access AWS resources, such as a Amazon DynamoDB table, as follows.

```
AmazonDynamoDBClient ddbClient = new AmazonDynamoDBClient(credentialsProvider);
```

#### Step 9: Setting IAM Permissions to Enable Access to AWS Resources

When you create an identity pool, Amazon Cognito creates two IAM roles: Cognito<identity pool name>Auth\_Role and Cognito<identity pool name>Unauth\_Role. By default, these roles only allow access to Amazon Cognito Identity and Amazon Cognito Sync. To allow your application to access AWS services such as Amazon DynamoDB, you must attach the appropriate managed policy to the role. For example, if your application needs to read and write to a DynamoDB database you must attach the AmazonDynamoDBFullAccess managed policy to the role, as described in the following procedure.

#### To set IAM permissions to enable access to AWS resources

- Sign in to the AWS Management Console and open the IAM console at https:// console.aws.amazon.com/iam/.
- 2. Choose the authenticated role for your policy from the list of roles, and then choose **Attach Policy**.
- 3. Choose the required policy for the list of managed policies (AmazonDynamoDBFullAccess, for example), and then choose Attach Policy.

You application can now perform create, read, update, and delete operations in DynamoDB.

## Step 10: Set up New Multi-Factor Authentication Mechanisms for Your Users

Starting with the Amazon Cognito SDK version 2.6.8, you can set up new MFA mechanisms for your users. You can administer the user pool level MFA settings in the **MFA and verifications** tab on the Amazon Cognito user pools console.

To be able to register a new MFA method, it should first be enabled for your user pool.

#### Configure Software Token (TOTP) MFA

Amazon Cognito supports the Time-based One-Time Password algorithm (TOTP) multi-factor authentication (MFA) mechanism.

#### The TOTP configuration process consists of two steps:

- Associate software token: This starts the process by requesting that the Amazon Cognito service add TOTP MFA for your user. This over-writes any TOTP MFA that is already set up for your user. In response to this request, the service generates a secret key, which should be securely stored and used to generate the TOTP codes for MFA validation.
- Verify software token: Complete the MFA setup using the TOTP code generated from the secret key.
   Use the VerifyMfaContinuation object returned by the Amazon Cognito SDK to complete this step.

```
// Create a callback handler.
RegisterMfaHandler registerMfAHandler = new RegisterMfaHandler() {
       @Override
      public void onSuccess(final String sessionToken) {
           // Success, new MFA setup is complete.
      @Override
      public void onVerify(VerifyMfaContinuation continuation) {
           // Get the secret key from Continuation.
           String secretKey = continuation.getParameters().get("secretKey");
           // Store the secret key in a TOTP code generator and verify using
           // the generated TOTP code.
           String verificationCode = storeAndGetTotpVerificationCode(secretKey);
           // Set a user friendly name to remember the TOTP generator.
           String friendlyName = "the best TOTP generator";
           // Complete the registration by verifying the TOTP code.
           continuation.setVerificationResponse(verificationCode, friendlyName);
           continuation.continueTask();
      @Override
       public void onFailure(Exception exception) {
           closeWaitDialog();
           showDialogMessage("TOTP MFA registration failed",
AppHelper.formatException(exception), false);
   };
// Use the CognitoUser to register a new Software Token MFA.
associateSoftwareTokenInBackground(sessionToken, registerMFAHandler);
```

#### Note

Only one TOTP software token MFA association with your app is allowed per user. Associating a new MFA software token over-writes the current one.

Your user must be authenticated, with a valid access token, to associate a TOTP MFA software token. When an unauthenticated user is required to associate a new TOTP MFA software token, you can use an Amazon Cognito generated sessionToken to associate the new TOTP MFA software token.

#### Configure MFA with a Session Token

Amazon Cognito User Pools now support multiple MFA types. You can enable the MFA types that are allowed in your user pool on the Amazon Cognito console. You can also choose to make the enabled MFA type **Optional** or **Required**.

If MFA is set to **Optional**, users in the pool can, depending on their preference, choose to register and enable one or more of the MFA methods.

If MFA is set as **Required** for the user pool, users must register and enable at least one MFA type. If MFA is required, users who do not have at least one of the MFA methods set up are presented with an MFA\_SETUP challenge. The user must set up at least one MFA type to continue to authenticate.

To allow users to register a new MFA method at this stage, Amazon Cognito returns a *Session Token* along with the challenge. This session token can be used in the SDK to register an MFA type and then to continue to authenticate. The session token is a one-time use token that can only be used to register a new MFA type.

#### MFA\_SETUP Challenge

When an MFA\_SETUP challenge is thrown, the user is required to set up an MFA method. The Amazon Cognito SDK will return RegisterMFAContinuation. You can use this continuation to get the list of MFA types the user can set up and then continue to authenticate.

```
AuthenticationHandler authHandler = new AuthenticationHandler() {
   @Override
   public void onSuccess(CognitoUserSession cognitoUserSession) {
       // ...
   @Override
   public void getAuthenticationDetails(AuthenticationContinuation
authenticationContinuation, String userId) {
       // ...
   }
   @Override
   public void getMFACode(MultiFactorAuthenticationContinuation
multiFactorAuthenticationContinuation) {
   @Override
   public void authenticationChallenge(ChallengeContinuation continuation) {
       // This challenge is invoked for MFA_SETUP Challenge
       RegisterMFAContinuation regMFAContinuation =
       (RegisterMFAContinuation) continuation;
       // Register the new MFA.
       registerMfa(regMFAContinuation);
   }
   @Override
   public void onFailure(Exception exception) {
       // Sign-in failed, check exception for the cause
};
// Register a new MFA.
public void registerMfa(RegisterMFAContinuation regMFAContinuation) {
   // Get the list of MFA's to setup.
   List<String> mfaOptions = continuation.getMfaOptions();
   // Get the session token to register an MFA.
   final String sessionToken = continuation.getSessionToken();
   // ...
   // Use the sessionToken to register MFA.
   associateSoftwareTokenInBackground(sessionToken, registerMFAHandler);
}
```

#### Enable and Disable MFA Mechanisms

Use the API setUserMfaSettings to enable or disable an MFA method and to set an MFA type as preferred for a user.

```
GenericHandler updatesMFASettingsHandler = new GenericHandler() {
   @Override
   public void onSuccess() {
       // Update complete.
   @Override
   public void onFailure(Exception exception) {
       // Failed update, check exception for details.
};
// Enable SMS MFA and set preferred state
void enableSmsMfa(boolean preferred) {
  CognitoMfaSettings smsMfaSettings = new CognitoMfaSettings(CognitoMfaSettings.SMS MFA);
   smsMfaSettings.setEnabled(true);
   smsMfaSettings.setPreferred(preferred);
  List<CognitoMfaSettings> settings = new ArrayList<CognitoMfaSettings>();
   settings.add(smsMfaSettings);
   cognitoUser.setUserMfaSettingsInBackground(settings, updateSettingHandler);
}
```

#### Choose the MFA challenge

When a user has multiple MFA types enabled and none of them set as preferred, Amazon Cognito presents a SELECT\_MFA\_TYPE challenge to allow the user to pick an MFA method to authenticate.

```
AuthenticationHandler authHandler = new AuthenticationHandler() {

@Override
public void onSuccess(CognitoUserSession cognitoUserSession) {

// ...
}
```

```
@Override
   public void getAuthenticationDetails(AuthenticationContinuation
authenticationContinuation, String userId) {
   @Override
   public void getMFACode(MultiFactorAuthenticationContinuation
multiFactorAuthenticationContinuation) {
       // ...
   @Override
   public void authenticationChallenge(ChallengeContinuation continuation) {
       ChooseMfaContinuation mfaOptionsContinuation = (ChooseMfaContinuation)
continuation;
       // Get the list of MFA's to choose from
       List<String> mfaOptions = mfaOptionsContinuation.getMfaOptions();
       // Set the MFA option and continue to authenticate.
       mfaOptionsContinuation.setMfaOption(option);
       mfaOptionsContinuation.continueTask();
   @Override
   public void onFailure(Exception exception) {
       // Sign-in failed, check exception for the cause
};
```

# Examples of Using User Pools with the Mobile SDK for Android

This topic provides code examples that perform basic tasks using the Mobile SDK for Android. Since the SDK makes network calls, all API calls should be made from a non-activity thread.

## Create a CognitoUserPool

```
CognitoUserPool userPool = new CognitoUserPool(context, userPoolId, clientId,
    clientSecret);

// user pool can also be created with client app configuration:
CognitoUserPool userPool = new CognitoUserPool(context, userPoolId, clientId, clientSecret,
    clientConfiguration);
```

## Register a New User

```
// create a handler for registration
SignUpHandler handler = new SignUpHandler() {
    @Override
    public void onSuccess(CognitoUser user, CognitoUserCodeDeliveryDetails
codeDeliveryDetails) {
        // If the sign up was successful, "user" is a CognitoUser object of the user who
was signed up.
        // "codeDeliveryDetails" will contain details about where the confirmation codes
will be delivered.
}

@Override
public void onFailure(Exception exception) {
        // Sign up failed, code check the exception for cause and perform remedial actions.
```

```
}
```

#### Get the Cached User

```
CognitoUser user = userPool.getCurrentUser();
```

## Create a User Object with a UserId

```
CognitoUser user = userPool.getUser(userId);
```

## Confirm a User

## Request a Confirmation Code

## Forgot Password: Get Code to Set New Password

```
ForgotPasswordHandler handler = new ForgotPasswordHandler() {
    @Override
    public void onSuccess() {
        // Forgot password process completed successfully, new password has been
    successfully set
    }
    @Override
    public void getResetCode(ForgotPasswordContinuation continuation) {
```

```
// A code will be sent, use the "continuation" object to continue with the forgot
password process
        // This will indicate where the code was sent
       String codeSentHere = continuation.getParameters();
       // Code to get the code from the user - user dialogs etc.
        // If the program control has to exit this method, take the "continuation" object.
       // "continuation" is the only possible way to continue with the process
       // When the code is available
       // Set the new password
       continuation.setPassword(newPassword);
       // Set the code to verify
       continuation.setVerificationCode(code);
       // Let the forgot password process proceed
       continuation.continueTask();
   }
    * This is called for all fatal errors encountered during the password reset process
    * Probe {@exception} for cause of this failure.
    * @param exception
   public void onFailure(Exception exception) {
       // Forgot password processing failed, probe the exception for cause
};
user.forgotPassword(handler);
```

#### Authentication Handler: Get Tokens

```
// Implement authentication handler,
AuthenticationHandler handler = new AuthenticationHandler() {
   @Override
   public void onSuccess(CognitoUserSession userSession, CognitoDevice newDevice) {
        // Authentication was successful, the "userSession" will have the current valid
tokens
       // Time to do awesome stuff
   @Override
   public void getAuthenticationDetails(final AuthenticationContinuation continuation,
final String userID) {
       // User authentication details, userId and password are required to continue.
       // Use the "continuation" object to pass the user authentication details
       // After the user authentication details are available, wrap them in an
AuthenticationDetails class
        // Along with userId and password, parameters for user pools for Lambda can be
passed here
        // The validation parameters "validationParameters" are passed in as a Map<String,
       AuthenticationDetails authDetails = new AuthenticationDetails(userId, password,
validationParameters);
```

```
// Now allow the authentication to continue
       continuation.setAuthenticationDetails(authDetails);
        continuation.continueTask();
   }
   public void getMFACode(final MultiFactorAuthenticationContinuation continuation) {
       // Multi-factor authentication is required to authenticate
        // A code was sent to the user, use the code to continue with the authentication
        // Find where the code was sent to
       String codeSentHere = continuation.getParameter()[0];
        // When the verification code is available, continue to authenticate
       continuation.setMfaCode(code);
       continuation.continueTask();
   }
   @Override
   public void authenticationChallenge(final ChallengeContinuation continuation) {
       // A custom challenge has to be solved to authenticate
        // Set the challenge responses
        // Call continueTask() method to respond to the challenge and continue with
 authentication.
   }
   @Override
   public void onFailure(final Exception exception) {
       // Authentication failed, probe exception for the cause
};
user.getSession(handler);
```

#### Get User Details

```
GetDetailsHandler handler = new GetDetailsHandler() {
    @Override
    public void onSuccess(final CognitoUserDetails list) {
        // Successfully retrieved user details
    }
    @Override
    public void onFailure(final Exception exception) {
        // Failed to retrieve the user details, probe exception for the cause
    }
};
user.getDetails(handler);
```

#### Get Attribute Verification Code

```
GenericHandler handler = new GenericHandler() {
    @Override
    public void onSuccess() {
        // Attribute verification code was successfully sent!
    }
```

## Verify Attribute

#### **Delete Attribute**

## **Change Password**

## Change or Set User Settings

```
GenericHandler handler = new GenericHandler() {
```

#### **Delete User**

#### Sign Out User

```
// This has cleared all tokens and this user will have to go through the authentication
process to get tokens.
user.signOut();
```

## Get Access and ID Tokens from CognitoUserSession

```
// Session is an object of the type CognitoUserSession
String accessToken = session.getAccessToken().getJWT();
String idToken = session.getIdToken().getJWTToken();
```

#### List All Devices for a User

```
DevicesHandler devicesHandler = new DevicesHandler() {
    @Override
    public void onSuccess(List<CognitoDevice> devices) {
        // devices will contain a list of all remembered devices
    }
    @Override
    public void onFailure(Exception e) {
        // List devices failed, probe exception for details
```

```
};
user.listDevicesInBackground(10, null, devicesHandler);
```

#### Remember a Device

#### Do Not Remember a Device

```
GenericHandler handler = new GenericHandler() {
    @Override
    public void onSuccess() {
        // Successful!
    }
    @Override
    public void onFailure(Exception exception) {
        // Failed, probe exception for details
    }
};
cognitoDevice.doNotRememberThisDeviceInBackground(handler)
```

## **Amazon Pinpoint Analytics**

The following procedure describes how to integrate Amazon Pinpoint into your Android Amazon Cognito application. You will also need to configure your Amazon Cognito User Pool to use Amazon Pinpoint. For more information about integration with Amazon Pinpoint, see Using Amazon Pinpoint Analytics with Amazon Cognito User Pools (p. 159). For more information about Amazon Pinpoint, see the Amazon Pinpoint documentation.

#### Include the Amazon Pinpoint project ID when creating the CognitoUserPool instance

- Sign in to the AWS Management Console and open the Amazon Pinpoint console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/pinpoint/.
- 2. If you do not already have one, create an Amazon Pinpoint project. Make a note of the Amazon Pinpoint project ID.

#### Note

The same Amazon Pinpoint project ID must also be configured for the Amazon Cognito User Pool. For more information see Configuring User Pool Analytics (p. 220).

3. In your Android Amazon Cognito app, when you instantiate your Amazon Cognito user pools instance, provide an AWSCognitoIdentityUserPoolConfiguration and use the Amazon Pinpoint app ID from the previous step to set the pinpointAppId.

```
CognitoUserPool pool = new CognitoUserPool(context, userPoolId, clientId, clientSecret,
  cognitoRegion, pinpointAppId);
```

#### Dependencies in the Android app

Use the AWS Mobile SDK for Android for Amazon Cognito Identity Provider version 2.6.3 or later to enable analytics in your Android apps.

If you are using Gradle build, add the following line in your app's build gradle file.

```
dependency {
   compile 'com.amazonaws:aws-android-sdk-cognitoidentityprovider:2.6.3'
}
```

After this setup is done, the analytics for the user pool will be available in the Amazon Pinpoint project console on the **Users** tab.

# Example: Handling Users Created Using the AdminCreateUser API in the Mobile SDK for Android

Amazon Cognito Your User Pools allows administrators to create new users and invite the users to sign in. The user must set his or her password during the first sign-in. Also during the first sign-in, the user must provide values for any required attributes that don't already have values.

The Mobile SDK for Android (version 2.3.2 and later) supports this feature. To support this feature in your apps, you must implement the AuthenticationChallenge callback method. The user authentication process for these users has not changed. However, after the initial password verification, the SDK invokes the AuthenticationChallenge callback, which you can implement to read the new password from the user. You can then allow the user to set required attributes and change user attributes that were already set by the administrator.

The continuation object passed to the AuthenticationChallenge callback method is of the type NewPasswordContinuation. The NewPasswordContinuation class is a child of ChallengeContinuation. The ChallengeContinuation class provides easier access to the challenge attributes.

When the AuthenticationChallenge callback is invoked during the user authentication process, first check the Challenge name. The challenge name, NEW\_PASSWORD\_REQUIRED, indicates that the user is trying to sign in for the first time after the administrator created the user's account. To get the challenge name, call continuation.getChallengeName.

To complete the sign-in process, the user must set a new password and provide any missing values for user attributes that were marked as required when the user pool was created or updated. To get the list of all required attributes, call continuation.getRequiredAttributes. To get the attributes and the values that were already set by the administrator, call continuation.getCurrentUserAttributes.

Call continuation.setPassword and continuation.setUserAttribute, respectively, to set the user's new password and attributes (including required attributes).

Call continuation.continueTask to complete the sign-in process.

```
@Override
   public void authenticationChallenge(final ChallengeContinuation continuation) {
        // Check the challenge name
```

```
if("NEW_PASSWORD_REQUIRED".equals(continuation.getChallengeName()) {
// A new user is trying to sign in for the first time after
// admin has created the user's account
 // Cast to NewPasswordContinuation for easier access to challenge parameters
NewPasswordContinuation newPasswordContinuation = (NewPasswordContinuation) continuation;
// Get the list of required parameters
List<String> requiredAttributes = newPasswordContinuation.getRequiredAttributes()
// Get the current user attributes
Map<String, String> currUserAttributes =
newPasswordContinuation.getCurrentUserAttributes();
// Prompt user to set a new password and values for required attributes
 // Set new user password
newPasswordContinuation.setPassword();
 // Set user attributes
newPasswordContinuation.setUserAttribute(attributeName, attributeValue);
 // Set user attributes
newPasswordContinuation.setUserAttribute(anotherAttribute, valueOfAnotherAttribute);
// Allow the sign-in to complete
newPasswordContinuation.continueTask();
      // Set the challenge responses
      // Call continueTask() method to respond to the challenge and continue with
authentication.
```

## Example: Migrating Android Users with a Lambda Trigger

A user migration Lambda trigger allows easy migration of users from your existing user management system into your user pool without a password reset.

## Set Up a User Migration Lambda Trigger

Before making changes in your Android app, set up a user migration Lambda for your user pool.

To learn more about Lambda triggers see Customizing User Pool Workflows with Lambda Triggers (p. 121).

For more information about migrating users with a Lambda trigger see Importing Users into User Pools With a User Migration Lambda Trigger (p. 176).

## **Android App Changes**

 $Update\ your\ AWS Cognitol dentity Provider\ And roid\ SDK\ to\ version\ 2.6.15\ or\ above.$ 

#### **Authentication Flow for User Migration**

You can authenticate your users and validate their passwords against your legacy system and seamlessly migrate their profiles into your user pool. However, the service needs the legacy password to avoid a password reset.

The default authentication flow in the SDK implements the secure remote password (SRP) protocol where no password is actually sent over the wire. To enable user migration on your app, use the

USER\_PASSWORD authentication flow which sends your password to the service over an encrypted SSL connection during authentication. After user migration, use the default SRP authentication flow.

Set the authentication type to USER\_PASSWORD.

```
authenticationDetails.setAuthenticationType("USER_PASSWORD");
```

The authentication type is set in the getAuthenticationDetails() callback handler.

```
AuthenticationHandler authenticationHandler = new AuthenticationHandler() {
   @Override
   public void onSuccess(CognitoUserSession cognitoUserSession, CognitoDevice device) {
       // Successful authentication.
   public void getAuthenticationDetails(AuthenticationContinuation authContinuation,
String username) {
       // Get user password.
       String password = getUserPassword();
        // Add user credentials to Authentication Details.
       AuthenticationDetails authenticationDetails = new AuthenticationDetails(username,
password, validationData);
        // Set the authentication type to use USER PASSWORD flow.
       authenticationDetails.setAuthenticationType("USER_PASSWORD");
       // Continue with authentication.
       authContinuation.setAuthenticationDetails(authenticationDetails);
       authContinuation.continueTask();
   }
   @Override
   public void getMFACode(MultiFactorAuthenticationContinuation
multiFactorAuthenticationContinuation) {
       // ...
   @Override
   public void onFailure(Exception e) {
        // ...
   public void authenticationChallenge(ChallengeContinuation continuation) {
};
```

# Adding an iOS App to Amazon Cognito User Pools

With Amazon Cognito user pools, you can enable your web and mobile app users to sign up and sign in. You can change passwords for authenticated users and initiate forgotten password flows for unauthenticated users. The following section provides setup information and examples so you can use the Amazon Cognito Identity Provider to retrieve and update user pool profiles.

To get started see AWS Mobile SDK for iOS and Mobile SDK for iOS documentation.

You can import the Mobile SDK for iOS into your existing project using these frameworks:

CocoaPods

Add the CocoaPods pod **AWSCognitoIdentityProvider** to your PodSpec and add #import AWSCognitoIdentityProvider.h to the classes where you will be using it.

See the Mobile SDK for iOS CocoaPods setup instructions.

Learn more about CocoaPods.

Frameworks

Add the Frameworks **AWSCognitoIdentityProvider.framework** and add #import <AWSCognitoIdentityProvider/AWSCognitoIdentityProvider.h> to the classes where you will be using it.

See the Mobile SDK for iOS Frameworks setup instructions.

Learn more about Frameworks.

Carthage

See the Mobile SDK for iOS Carthage setup instructions.

Learn more about Carthage.

React Native

Add user pools to your React Native applications with the AWS Amplify Library for React Native which includes the Amazon Cognito Identity Provider.

For more information see Set Up the AWS Amplify Library for React Native. See also AWS Amplify Library Authentication Guide.

Learn more about React Native.

You should use one of these environments to import the AWS Mobile SDK but not more than one. Importing the SDK in multiple ways loads duplicate copies of the SDK into the project causing errors.

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# Tutorial: Integrating User Pools for iOS Apps

This tutorial helps you get started with user pools.

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## Step 1: Creating a User Pool for Your App by Using the Console

The following procedure describes how to create a user pool and use it in your app. This procedure creates a pool ID, an app client ID, and an app client secret using default settings. For information on customizing these settings, see User Pools Reference (AWS Management Console) (p. 206).

#### To create a user pool for your app

- 1. Sign in to the Amazon Cognito console
- Choose Manage your User Pools.
- 3. Choose Create a User Pool.
- 4. In **Pool name**, type a name for the pool and then choose **Review defaults**.
- 5. From the left navigation bar, choose **App clients** and then choose **Add an app**. You can create multiple app clients for a user pool.
- 6. For **App name**, type a name for your app. Keep **Generate client secret** selected, choose **Create app**, and then choose **Save changes**.
- 7. From the left navigation bar, choose **Review** and then choose **Create pool**.
- 8. Note the pool ID. You can find the app client ID and app client secret under **App clients** on the left navigation bar.

## Step 2: Creating a UserPool Object

Create a user pool object in your client app by using the user pool ID, app client ID, and app client secret that you obtained in step 1.

## Step 3: Signing up Users for Your App

To sign up users, your app's registration UI must collect information from users and call signup.

```
NSMutableArray * attributes = [NSMutableArray new];
//Set user attributes by retrieving them from your UI. These values are hardcoded for this example
AWSCognitoIdentityUserAttributeType * phone = [AWSCognitoIdentityUserAttributeType new];
```

```
phone.name = @"phone_number";
//All phone numbers require +country code as a prefix
phone.value = @"+1555555555;;
AWSCognitoIdentityUserAttributeType * email = [AWSCognitoIdentityUserAttributeType new];
email.name = @"email";
email.value = @"email@mydomain.com";
[attributes addObject:phone];
[attributes addObject:email];
//set username and password by retrieving them from your UI. They are hardcoded in this
example.
AWSCognitoIdentityUser *user = [[pool signUp:@"username" password:@"password"
userAttributes:attributes validationData:nil] continueWithSuccessBlock:^id
 _Nullable(AWSTask<AWSCognitoIdentityUser *> * _Nonnull task) {
    NSLog(@"Successfully registered user: %@",task.result.username);
    return nil;
}];
```

## Step 4: Confirming Users for Your App

Users are confirmed when either their email address or phone number is verified. In the following example, users receive a verification code at their email address or via SMS on their mobile phone during the registration flow and must input the code to complete sign-up. After obtaining the verification code from your end user, call confirmSignUp.

```
//replace VERIFICATION_CODE with the value the user inputs
[[user confirmSignUp:@"VERIFICATION_CODE"] continueWithSuccessBlock:^id
    _Nullable(AWSTask<AWSCognitoIdentityProviderConfirmSignUpResponse *> * _Nonnull task) {
        NSLog(@"Successfully confirmed user: %@",user.username);
        return nil;
}];
```

## Step 5: Authenticating Users for Your App

To authenticate the confirmed user, implement the

AWSCognitoIdentityInteractiveAuthenticationDelegate protocol, as shown next, and set the delegate for the pool. This protocol manages your custom login UI and accepts username and password information from your end user. The protocol's methods are only invoked if the user has never authenticated, if the user has signed out, or if the user's refresh token (which is valid for 30 days) has expired.

```
//This code goes in your AppDelegate
pool.delegate = self;

-(id<AWSCognitoIdentityPasswordAuthentication>) startPasswordAuthentication{
    //implement code to instantiate and display login UI here
    //return something that implements the AWSCognitoIdentityPasswordAuthentication
protocol
    return loginUI;
}

//This code goes in your Login UI
    -(void) getPasswordAuthenticationDetails:
(AWSCognitoIdentityPasswordAuthenticationInput *) authenticationInput
passwordAuthenticationCompletionSource: (AWSTaskCompletionSource *)
passwordAuthenticationCompletionSource {
        //using inputs from login UI create an
AWSCognitoIdentityPasswordAuthenticationDetails object.
        //These values are hardcoded for this example.
```

```
AWSCognitoIdentityPasswordAuthenticationDetails * result =
[[AWSCognitoIdentityPasswordAuthenticationDetails alloc] initWithUsername:@"USERNAME"
password:@"PASSWORD"];
        //set the result to continue the sign-in process
       passwordAuthenticationDetails.result = result;
   -(void) didCompletePasswordAuthenticationStepWithError:(NSError*) error {
   dispatch_async(dispatch_get_main_queue(), ^{
        //present error to end user
        if(error){
            [[[UIAlertView alloc] initWithTitle:error.userInfo[@"__type"]
                                        message:error.userInfo[@"message"]
                                       delegate:nil
                              cancelButtonTitle:nil
                              otherButtonTitles:@"Ok", nil] show];
        }else{
            //dismiss view controller
            [self dismissViewControllerAnimated:YES completion:nil];
   });
}
```

## Step 6: Getting User Details

To get user details, call getDetails, as shown next.

```
[[user getDetails] continueWithSuccessBlock:^id
_Nullable(AWSTask<AWSCognitoIdentityUserGetDetailsResponse *> * _Nonnull task) {
    AWSCognitoIdentityUserGetDetailsResponse *response = task.result;
    for (AWSCognitoIdentityUserAttributeType *attribute in response.userAttributes) {
        //print the user attributes
        NSLog(@"Attribute: %@ Value: %@", attribute.name, attribute.value);
    }
    return nil;
}];
```

#### Step 7: Getting Credentials to Access AWS Resources For an App User

To get credentials to access AWS resources for your user, first associate your user pool with an identity pool, and then provide AWSCognitoIdentityUserPool to your AWSCognitoCredentialsProvider. The following procedure describes how to get an identity pool.

#### To create an identity pool

- 1. Sign in to the Amazon Cognito console.
- 2. Choose Manage Identity Pools.
- 3. Choose Create new identity pool. Type a name for your identity pool in Identity pool name.
- 4. Expand the Authentication providers section.
- 5. On the Cognito tab, specify your **User Pool ID** and **App Client ID**.
- 6. After you configure the identity pool association, get AWS credentials into your app by providing AWSCognitoIdentityUserPool to your AWSCognitoCredentialsProvider.

```
AWSCognitoCredentialsProvider *credentialsProvider = [[AWSCognitoCredentialsProvider alloc] initWithRegionType:AWSRegionUSEast1 identityPoolId:@"IDENTITY_POOL_ID" identityProviderManager:pool];

AWSServiceConfiguration *defaultServiceConfiguration = [[AWSServiceConfiguration alloc] initWithRegion:AWSRegionUSEast1
```

```
credentialsProvider:credentialsProvider];
AWSServiceManager.defaultServiceConfiguration =
defaultServiceConfiguration;
```

### **Next Steps**

For a working example demonstrating the functionality described in this tutorial, see the Objective-C sample on Github, or the Swift sample on Github.

## Examples: Using User Pools with the iOS SDK

This topic provides details about registering, confirming, and authenticating users, as well as getting user attributes, when using user pools with the AWS Mobile SDK for iOS.

## Creating an AWSCognitoIdentityUserPool Object

The following procedure describes how to create an **AWSCognitoIdentityUserPool** object to interact with.

1. Set up your service config.

#### Note

The credentials Provider is set to nil. You do not need a credentials provider or AWS credentials to interact with this service.

```
//setup service config
AWSServiceConfiguration *serviceConfiguration = [[AWSServiceConfiguration alloc]
initWithRegion:AWSRegionUSEast1 credentialsProvider:nil];
```

2. Create a user pool configuration.

## Example: Sign up a User

Use pool.signUp:password:userAttributes:validationData to sign up a user.

```
AWSCognitoIdentityUserAttributeType * phone = [AWSCognitoIdentityUserAttributeType new];
phone.name = @"phone_number";
//phone number must be prefixed by country code
phone.value = @"+15555555555;
AWSCognitoIdentityUserAttributeType * email = [AWSCognitoIdentityUserAttributeType new];
email.name = @"email";
email.value = @"email@mydomain.com";
//sign up the user
```

```
[[pool signUp:@"username" password:@"password" userAttributes:@[email,phone]
validationData:nil] continueWithBlock:^id
_Nullable(AWSTask<AWSCognitoIdentityUserPoolSignUpResponse *> * _Nonnull task) {
   dispatch_async(dispatch_get_main_queue(), ^{
        if(task.error){
            [[[UIAlertView alloc] initWithTitle:task.error.userInfo[@"__type"]
                                        message:task.error.userInfo[@"message"]
                                       delegate:self
                              cancelButtonTitle:@"Ok"
                              otherButtonTitles:nil] show];
        }else {
            AWSCognitoIdentityUserPoolSignUpResponse * response = task.result;
            if(!response.userConfirmed){
                //need to confirm user using user.confirmUser:
        }});
   return nil;
}];
```

## Example: Get a User

You can either get a user by registering or by using one of these methods on the pool.

```
//get the last logged in user
[pool currentUser];

//get a user without a username
[pool getUser];

//get a user with a specific username
[pool getUser:@"username"];
```

## Example: Sign in a User

There are two ways to sign in: explicitly or when user credentials are needed via a delegate.

To sign in explicitly, use the following:

```
[[user getSession:@"username" password:@"password" validationData:nil scopes:nil]
continueWithSuccessBlock:^id _Nullable(AWSTask<AWSCognitoIdentityUserSession *> * _Nonnull
task) {
    //success, task.result has user session
    return nil;
}];
```

To implement the delegate, implement **AWSCognitoIdentityInteractiveAuthenticationDelegate** and set the delegate on the pool:

```
pool.delegate = self;
```

In your implementation, write code to instantiate your authentication user interfaces if they weren't created and display them.

```
//return your sign in ui which implements the
AWSCognitoIdentityPasswordAuthentication protocol
     return signInViewController;
//set up mfa ui to retrieve mfa code from end user
//this is optional and only necessary if you turn on multifactor authentication on your
-(id) startMultiFactorAuthentication {
     //write code to instantiate your multifactor authentication ui if it wasn't created
     dispatch_async(dispatch_get_main_queue(), ^{
            //write code to display your ui
      });
      //return your sign in ui which implements the
AWSCognitoIdentityMultiFactorAuthentication protocol
     return mfaViewController;
}
//set up new password required ui to retrieve new password and any required user profile
from end user
//this is optional and only necessary if you use the AdminCreateUser feature on the pool
-(id) startNewPasswordRequired {
      //write code to instantiate your new password required ui if it wasn't created here
      dispatch async(dispatch get main queue(), ^{
            //write code to display your ui
     });
     //return your new password required ui which implements the
AWSCognitoIdentityNewPasswordRequired protocol
      return newPasswordRequiredController;
//set up ui to prompt end user to setup a software MFA
//this is optional and only necessary if you have software MFA enabled and MFA is required
on your pool
-(id<AWSCognitoIdentitySoftwareMfaSetupRequired>) startSoftwareMfaSetupRequired {
     //write code to instantiate your software token setup required ui if it wasn't
created here
      dispatch_async(dispatch_get_main_queue(), ^{
            //write code to display your ui
      });
     //return your software mfa setup required ui which implements the
AWSCognitoIdentitySoftwareMfaSetupRequired protocol
     return softwareMfaSetupController;
//set up ui to prompt end user to select which MFA they want for this authentication
//this is optional and only necessary if you have users can have multiple MFAs setup on the
-(id<AWSCognitoIdentitySelectMfa>) startSelectMfa {
      //write code to instantiate your select MFA ui if it wasn't created here
      dispatch_async(dispatch_get_main_queue(), ^{
            //write code to display your ui
      //return your select MFA ui which implements the AWSCognitoIdentitySelectMfa protocol
      return selectMfaController;
}
//set up ui to drive a custom authentication flow
//this is optional and only necessary if you have custom authentication lambdas configured
on your pool
```

In your password authentication UI, implement the AWSCognitoIdentityPasswordAuthentication protocol.

```
-(void) getPasswordAuthenticationDetails: (AWSCognitoIdentityPasswordAuthenticationInput
*) authenticationInput passwordAuthenticationCompletionSource:
(AWSTaskCompletionSource<AWSCognitoIdentityPasswordAuthenticationDetails *> *)
passwordAuthenticationCompletionSource {
   //keep a handle to the completion, you'll need it continue once you get the inputs from
the end user
   self.passwordAuthenticationCompletion = passwordAuthenticationCompletionSource;
   //authenticationInput has details about the last known username if you need to use it
}
-(void) didCompletePasswordAuthenticationStepWithError:(NSError*) error {
   dispatch_async(dispatch_get_main_queue(), ^{
        //on completion, either display the error or dismiss the ui
       if(error){
            [[[UIAlertView alloc] initWithTitle:error.userInfo[@" type"]
                                        message:error.userInfo[@"message"]
                                       delegate:nil
                              cancelButtonTitle:nil
                              otherButtonTitles:@"Retry", nil] show];
        }else{
            [self dismissViewControllerAnimated:YES completion:nil];
   });
}
```

When the end user has entered his or her username and password, set the result on passwordAuthenticationCompletion.

```
self.passwordAuthenticationCompletion.result =
[[AWSCognitoIdentityPasswordAuthenticationDetails alloc] initWithUsername:@"username"
password:@"password"];
```

If you support multi-factor authentication (MFA), you can implement the **AWSCognitoIdentityMultiFactorAuthentication** protocol.

```
-(void) getMultiFactorAuthenticationCode:
  (AWSCognitoIdentityMultifactorAuthenticationInput )authenticationInput
  mfaCodeCompletionSource: (AWSTaskCompletionSource<NSString > *) mfaCodeCompletionSource {
    //keep a handle to the completion, you'll need it continue once you get the inputs from
    the end user
        self.mfaCodeCompletion = mfaCodeCompletionSource;
        //authenticationInput has details about where the mfa code was sent if you need to
    display them in your ui
}
-(void) didCompleteMultifactorAuthenticationStepWithError:(NSError*) error {
    dispatch_async(dispatch_get_main_queue(), ^{
```

When the end user has entered his or her code, set the result on mfaCodeCompletion.

```
self.mfaCodeCompletion.result = @"mfaCodeFromUser";
```

If you support sign-up using **AdminCreateUser**, you can implement the **AWSCognitoIdentityNewPasswordRequired** protocol.

```
-(void) getNewPasswordDetails: (AWSCognitoIdentityNewPasswordRequiredInput
          *) newPasswordRequiredInput
         newPasswordRequiredCompletionSource:
(AWSTaskCompletionSource<AWSCognitoIdentityNewPasswordRequiredDetails *> *)
newPasswordRequiredCompletionSource {
     //keep a handle to the completion, you'll need it continue once you get the inputs
from the end user
     self.newPasswordRequiredCompletionSource = newPasswordRequiredCompletionSource;
      //newPasswordRequiredInput has details about the existing user attributes and
required fields if you need to display them in your ui
-(void) didCompleteNewPasswordStepWithError:(NSError* _Nullable) error {
      dispatch_async(dispatch_get_main_queue(), ^{
   //on completion, either display the error or dismiss the ui
   if(error){
       [[[UIAlertView alloc] initWithTitle:error.userInfo[@"__type"]
                                   message:error.userInfo[@"message"]
                                   delegate:nil
                          cancelButtonTitle:nil
                          otherButtonTitles:@"Retry", nil] show];
   }else{
       [self dismissViewControllerAnimated:YES completion:nil];
   }});
```

When the end user has entered their proposed password and any required attributes, set the result on **newPasswordRequiredCompletionSource**.

```
NSDictionary<NSString *, NSString *> *userAttributes = @{@"name":@"My new name",
    @"email":@"mynewemail@myemail.com"};
AWSCognitoIdentityNewPasswordRequiredDetails *details =
    [[AWSCognitoIdentityNewPasswordRequiredDetails alloc]
    initWithProposedPassword:@"newPassword" userAttributes:userAttributes];
self.newPasswordRequiredCompletionSource.result = details;
```

If you support software MFA, you can implement the **AWSCognitoIdentitySoftwareMfaSetupRequired** protocol.

```
-(void) getSoftwareMfaSetupDetails: (AWSCognitoIdentitySoftwareMfaSetupRequiredInput
*) softwareMfaSetupInput softwareMfaSetupRequiredDetails:
(AWSTaskCompletionSource<AWSCognitoIdentitySoftwareMfaSetupRequiredDetails *> *)
softwareMfaSetupRequiredCompletionSource{
      //keep a handle to the completion, you'll need it continue once you get the inputs
from the end user
     self.softwareMfaSetupRequiredCompletionSource =
softwareMfaSetupRequiredCompletionSource;
      // softwareMfaSetupInput has details about the secret code the end user needs to
register with their TOTP application.
}
-(void) didCompleteMfaSetupStepWithError:(NSError* _Nullable) error {
      dispatch_async(dispatch_get_main_queue(), ^{
            //on completion, either display the error or dismiss the ui
                  [[[UIAlertView alloc] initWithTitle:error.userInfo[@"__type"]
                  message:error.userInfo[@"message"]
                  delegate:nil
                  cancelButtonTitle:nil
                  otherButtonTitles:@"Retry", nil] show];
            }else{
                  [self dismissViewControllerAnimated:YES completion:nil];
      });
}
```

When the end user has the current code from their software token app, set the result on softwareMfaSetupRequiredCompletionSource.

```
AWSCognitoIdentitySoftwareMfaSetupRequiredDetails *details = [[AWSCognitoIdentitySoftwareMfaSetupRequiredDetails alloc] initWithUserCode: @"User Code" friendlyDeviceName:@"Friendly Name" ]; self.newPasswordRequiredCompletionSource.result = details;
```

If you support multiple MFA types, you can implement the AWSCognitoIdentitySelectMfa protocol.

```
-(void) getSelectMfaDetails: (AWSCognitoIdentitySelectMfaInput *) selectMfaInput
selectMfaCompletionSource: (AWSTaskCompletionSource<AWSCognitoIdentitySelectMfaDetails *>
*) selectMfaCompletionSource
{
      //keep a handle to the completion, you'll need it continue once you get the inputs
from the end user
      self.selectMfaCompletionSource = selectMfaCompletionSource;
      // selectMfaInput has details about what MFAS are available to select.
}
-(void) didCompleteMfaSetupStepWithError:(NSError* _Nullable) error {
      dispatch_async(dispatch_get_main_queue(), ^{
            //on completion, either display the error or dismiss the ui
            if(error){
                  [[[UIAlertView alloc] initWithTitle:error.userInfo[@"__type"]
                  message:error.userInfo[@"message"]
                  delegate:nil
                  cancelButtonTitle:nil
                  otherButtonTitles:@"Retry", nil] show];
            }else{
                  [self dismissViewControllerAnimated:YES completion:nil];
      });
```

```
}
```

When the end user has selected the MFA, set the result on selectMfaCompletionSource.

```
AWSCognitoIdentitySoftwareMfaSetupRequiredDetails *details = [[AWSCognitoIdentitySelectMfaDetails alloc] initWithSelectedMfa: @"Selected MFA" ]; self.selectMfaCompletionSource.result = details;
```

# **Example: Forgot Password**

```
[[user forgotPassword] continueWithSuccessBlock:^id
   _Nullable(AWSTask<AWSCognitoIdentityUserForgotPasswordResponse*> * _Nonnull task) {
        //success
        return nil;
}];

[[user confirmForgotPassword:@"code" password:@"newPassword"] continueWithSuccessBlock:^id
   _Nullable(AWSTask<AWSCognitoIdentityUserConfirmForgotPasswordResponse *> * _Nonnull task)
{
        //success
        return nil;
}];
```

# **Example: Amazon Pinpoint Analytics**

The following procedure describes how to integrate Amazon Pinpoint into your iOS Amazon Cognito application.

- Sign in to the AWS Management Console and open the Amazon Pinpoint console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/pinpoint/.
- 2. Create an Amazon Pinpoint application. Make a note of the Amazon Pinpoint app ID.
- 3. In your Amazon Cognito app, when you instantiate your Amazon Cognito user pools instance, provide an AWSCognitoIdentityUserPoolConfiguration and use the Amazon Pinpoint app ID from the previous step to set the pinpointAppId.

### Objective-C:

#### **Swift:**

```
poolId:
"YOUR_USER_POOL_ID",
shouldProviderCognitoValidationData: YES,
pinpointAppId:
"YOUR_PINPOINT_APP_ID")
```

# Authenticated Example: Get User Attributes

# Authenticated Example: Verify User Attributes

```
[[user getAttributeVerificationCode:@"phone_number"] continueWithSuccessBlock:^id
   _Nullable(AWSTask<AWSCognitoIdentityUserGetAttributeVerificationCodeResponse *> * _Nonnull
   task) {
        //success
        return nil;
}];

[[user verifyAttribute:@"phone_number"code:@"code"] continueWithSuccessBlock:^id
   _Nullable(AWSTask<AWSCognitoIdentityUserVerifyAttributeResponse *> * _Nonnull task) {
        //success
        return nil;
}];
```

# **Authenticated Example: Update User Attributes**

```
AWSCognitoIdentityUserAttributeType * attribute = [AWSCognitoIdentityUserAttributeType
new];
attribute.name = @"name";
attribute.value = @"John User";
[[user updateAttributes:@[attribute]] continueWithSuccessBlock:^id
    _Nullable(AWSTask<AWSCognitoIdentityUserUpdateAttributesResponse *> * _Nonnull task) {
    //success
    return nil;
}];
```

# Authenticated Example: Change Password

```
[[user changePassword:@"currentPassword" proposedPassword:@"proposedPassword"]
continueWithSuccessBlock:^id
__Nullable(AWSTask<AWSCognitoIdentityUserChangePasswordResponse *> * _Nonnull task) {
    //success
```

```
return nil;
}];
```

# Authenticated Example: Turning on SMS MFA

```
AWSCognitoIdentityUserSettings * settings = [AWSCognitoIdentityUserSettings new];
AWSCognitoIdentityUserMFAOption * mfaOptions = [AWSCognitoIdentityUserMFAOption new];
mfaOptions.attributeName = @"phone_number";
mfaOptions.deliveryMedium = AWSCognitoIdentityProviderDeliveryMediumTypeSms;
settings.mfaOptions = @[mfaOptions];
[[user setUserSettings:settings] continueWithSuccessBlock:^id
_Nullable(AWSTask<AWSCognitoIdentityUserSetUserSettingsResponse *> * _Nonnull task) {
    //success
    return nil;
}];
```

# Authenticated Example: Turning on Software MFA

```
//start by calling associateSoftwareToken to get a secret code for end user to register
[[self.user associateSoftwareToken] continueWithSuccessBlock:^id
_Nullable(AWSTask<AWSCognitoIdentityUserAssociateSoftwareTokenResponse *> * _Nonnull t) {
   dispatch_async(dispatch_get_main_queue(), ^{
      UIAlertController *alert = [UIAlertController alertControllerWithTitle:@"Associate
Software MFA" message:t.result.secretCode preferredStyle:UIAlertControllerStyleAlert];
       [alert addAction:[UIAlertAction actionWithTitle:@"Verify"
style:UIAlertActionStyleDefault handler:^(UIAlertAction * _Nonnull action) {
            //verify the software token by having end user input current code
            [[self.user verifySoftwareToken:alert.textFields[0].text
friendlyDeviceName: @"My Software Token"] continueWithSuccessBlock: ^id
Nullable(AWSTask<AWSCognitoIdentityUserVerifySoftwareTokenResponse *> * Nonnull t) {
               //now the software token is configured, but not enabled, enable it
               AWSCognitoIdentityUserMfaPreferences * mfaPreferences =
[AWSCognitoIdentityUserMfaPreferences new];
               mfaPreferences.softwareTokenMfa = [[AWSCognitoIdentityUserMfaType alloc]
initWithEnabled:YES preferred:NO];
               [[self.user setUserMfaPreference:mfaPreferences]
continueWithSuccessBlock: ^id
Nullable(AWSTask<AWSCognitoIdentityUserSetUserMfaPreferenceResponse *> * Nonnull t) {
                    return t;
               return nil;
            }1;
       }]];
        [alert addTextFieldWithConfigurationHandler:^(UITextField *textField) {
            textField.placeholder = @"User Code:";
       [self presentViewController:alert animated:YES completion:nil];
   });
   return nil:
11:
```

# Example: Migrating iOS Users with a Lambda Trigger

A user migration Lambda trigger allows easy migration of users from your existing user management system into your user pool without a password reset.

# Set Up a User Migration Lambda Trigger

Before making changes in your iOS app, set up a user migration Lambda for your user pool.

To learn more about Lambda triggers see Customizing User Pool Workflows with Lambda Triggers (p. 121).

For more information about migrating users with a Lambda trigger see Importing Users into User Pools With a User Migration Lambda Trigger (p. 176).

# iOS App Changes

1. Update your SDK

Update your AWSCognitoIdentityProvider iOS SDK to version 2.6.12 or above.

2. Enable Migration

If you are using Info.plist to configure your user pool:

Add a Boolean MigrationEnabled key with the value YES. If you *Open As->Source Code* your Info.plist, it should look something like this:

```
<key>AWS</key>
<dict>
    <key>CognitoUserPool</key>
    <dict>
        <key>Default</key>
        <dict>
            <key>AppClientId</key>
            <string>YOUR_APP_CLIENT_ID</string>
            <key>PoolId</key>
            <string>region_YOUR_USER_POOL_ID </string>
            <key>Region</key>
            <string>us-west-2</string>
            <key>MigrationEnabled</key>
            <true/>
        </dict>
    </dict>
</dict>
```

## **Authentication Flow for User Migration**

You can authenticate your users and validate their passwords against your legacy system and seamlessly migrate their profiles into your user pool. However, the service needs the legacy password to avoid a password reset. So, if explicitly enabled in the authentication flow, the SDK will send your users' passwords to the service in text over an encrypted SSL connection.

If you are using AWSCognitoIdentityUserPoolConfiguration to configure your user pool, change your initializer to one that supports the migrationEnabled flag.

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migrationEnabled:YES];

#### Swift

# Using the Amazon Cognito Hosted UI for Sign-Up and Sign-In

You can create an app in your user pool to use the built-in webpages available for signing up and signing in your users. Amazon Cognito's hosted UI is the foundation for other features such as the ability to sign in directly to your user pool through Facebook, Amazon, and Google, as well as through OpenID Connect (OIDC) and SAML identity providers.

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# Adding an App Client (AWS Management Console)

- 1. Go to the Amazon Cognito console. You might be prompted for your AWS credentials.
- 2. Choose Manage your User Pools.
- 3. Choose an existing user pool from the list, or create a user pool.
- 4. On the navigation bar on the left-side of the page, choose **App clients** under **General settings**.
- 5. Choose Add an app client.
- 6. Give your app a name.
- 7. Unless required by your authorization flow, clear the option **Generate client secret**. The client secret is used by applications that have a server-side component that can secure the client secret.
- 8. Choose Create app client.
- 9. Note the App client ID.
- 10. Choose Return to pool details.
- 11. Configure the app.
  - a. Choose **App client settings** from the navigation bar on the left-side of the console page.

b. Select Cognito User Pool as one of the Enabled Identity Providers.

#### Note

To sign in with external identity providers (IdPs), such as Facebook, Amazon, or Google, as well as through OpenID Connect (OIDC) or SAML IdPs, first configure them as described next, and then return to the **App client settings** page to enable them.

c. Type a callback URL for the Amazon Cognito authorization server to call after users are authenticated. For a web app, the URL should start with https://, such as https://www.example.com.

For an iOS or Android app, you can use a callback URL such as myapp://.

d. Select Authorization code grant to return an authorization code that is then exchanged for user pool tokens. Because the tokens are never exposed directly to an end user, they are less likely to become compromised. However, a custom application is required on the backend to exchange the authorization code for user pool tokens. For security reasons, we recommend that you use the authorization code grant flow, together with see Proof Key for Code Exchange (PKCE), for mobile apps.

Under **Allowed OAuth Flows**, select **Implicit grant** to have user pool JSON web tokens (JWT) returned to you from Amazon Cognito. You can use this flow when there's no backend available to exchange an authorization code for tokens. It's also helpful for debugging tokens.

You can enable both the **Authorization code grant** and the **Implicit code grant**, and then use each grant as needed.

Unless you specifically want to exclude one, select the check boxes for all of the **Allowed OAuth scopes**.

#### Note

Select **Client credentials** only if your app needs to request access tokens on its own behalf, not on behalf of a user.

e. Choose Save changes.

# 12. Configure a domain.

- a. On the **Domain name** page, type a domain prefix that's available.
- b. Make a note of the complete domain address.
- c. Choose Save changes.

#### To view your sign-in page

You can view the hosted UI sign-in webpage with the following URL. Note the response\_type. In this case, response\_type=code for the authentication code grant.

```
https://<your_domain>/login?
response_type=code&client_id=<your_app_client_id>&redirect_uri=<your_callback_url>
```

You can view the hosted UI sign-in webpage with the following URL for the implicit code grant where **response\_type=token**. After a successful sign-in, Amazon Cognito returns user pool tokens to your web browser's address bar.

```
https://<your_domain>/login?
response_type=token&client_id=<your_app_client_id>&redirect_uri=<your_callback_url>
```

You can find the JSON web token (JWT) identity token after the #idtoken= parameter in the response.

Here's a sample response from an implicit grant request. Your identity token string will be much longer.

```
https://www.example.com/
#id_token=123456789tokens123456789&expires_in=3600&token_type=Bearer
```

You can decode and verify user pool tokens using AWS Lambda, see Decode and verify Amazon Cognito JWT tokens on the AWS GitHub website.

Amazon Cognito user pools tokens are signed using an RS256 algorithm.

You might have to wait a minute to refresh your browser before changes you made in the console appear.

Your domain is shown on the **Domain name** page. Your app client ID and callback URL are shown on the **App client settings** page.

#### Note

The Amazon Cognito hosted sign-in web page does not support the custom authentication flow.

# Configuring a User Pool App Client

After you create a user pool, you can create an app client to use the built-in webpages for signing up and signing in your users. To add an app client and an Amazon Cognito hosted domain with the AWS Management Console, see Adding an App to Enable the Hosted Web UI.

# **App Client Settings Overview**

## **Enabled Identity Providers**

You can choose your identity provider (IdP) to authenticate your users. This service can be performed by your user pool, or by a third party such as Facebook. Before you can use an IdP, you need to enable it. You can enable multiple IdPs, but you must enable at least one. For more information on using external IdPs see Adding User Pool Sign-in Through a Third Party (p. 90).

# Callback URL(s)

A callback URL indicates where the user is to be redirected after a successful sign-in. Choose at least one callback URL, and it should:

- Be an absolute URI.
- · Be pre-registered with a client.
- Not include a fragment component.

See OAuth 2.0 - Redirection Endpoint.

Amazon Cognito requires HTTPS over HTTP except for http://localhost for testing purposes only.

App callback URLs such as myapp://example are also supported.

### Sign out URL(s)

A sign-out URL indicates where your user is to be redirected after signing out.

### **Allowed OAuth Flows**

The **Authorization code grant** flow initiates a code grant flow, which provides an authorization code as the response. This code can be exchanged for access tokens with the TOKEN Endpoint (p. 327).

Because the tokens are never exposed directly to an end user, they are less likely to become compromised. However, a custom application is required on the backend to exchange the authorization code for user pool tokens.

#### Note

For security reasons, we highly recommend that you use only the **Authorization code grant** flow, together with PKCE, for mobile apps.

The **Implicit grant** flow allows the client to get the access token (and, optionally, ID token, based on scopes) directly from the AUTHORIZATION Endpoint (p. 322). Choose this flow if your app cannot initiate the **Authorization code grant** flow. For more information, see the OAuth 2.0 specification.

You can enable both the **Authorization code grant** and the **Implicit code grant**, and then use each grant as needed.

The **Client credentials** flow is used in machine-to-machine communications. With it you can request an access token to access your own resources. Use this flow when your app is requesting the token on its own behalf, not on behalf of a user.

#### Note

Since the client credentials flow is not used on behalf of a user, only custom scopes can be used with this flow. A custom scope is one that you define for your own resource server. See Defining Resource Servers for Your User Pool (p. 88).

#### **Allowed OAuth Scopes**

Choose one or more of the following OAuth scopes to specify the access privileges that can be requested for access tokens.

- The phone scope grants access to the phone\_number and phone\_number\_verified claims. This scope can only be requested with the openid scope.
- The email scope grants access to the email and email\_verified claims. This scope can only be requested with the openid scope.
- The openid scope returns all user attributes in the ID token that are readable by the client. The ID token is not returned if the openid scope is not requested by the client.
- The aws.cognito.signin.user.admin scope grants access to Amazon Cognito User Pool API operations that require access tokens, such as UpdateUserAttributes and VerifyUserAttribute.
- The profile scope grants access to all user attributes that are readable by the client.

## **Allowed Custom Scopes**

A custom scope is one that you define for your own resource server in the **Resource Servers**. The format is *resource-server-identifier/scope*. See Defining Resource Servers for Your User Pool (p. 88).

For more information about OAuth scopes, see the list of standard OIDC scopes.

# To Configure an App Client (AWS Management Console)

- 1. Go to the Amazon Cognito console. You might be prompted for your AWS credentials.
- 2. Choose Manage User Pools.
- 3. Choose the user pool you want to edit.
- 4. Choose App client settings from the navigation bar on the left-side of the console page.
- Select Cognito User Pool as one of the Enabled Identity Providers to include it as one of your IdPs. Enable at least one IdP.

#### Note

To sign in with external identity providers (IdPs), such as Facebook, Amazon, or Google, as well as through OpenID Connect (OIDC) or SAML IdPs, configure them first and then return to the **App client settings** page to enable them. For more information see Adding User Pool Sign-in Through a Third Party (p. 90).

6. In the Sign in and sign out URLs section, type your Callback URLs, separated by commas.

For a web app, the URL should start with https://, such as https://www.example.com.

For an iOS or Android app, you can use a callback URL such as myapp://.

#### Note

You must register the callback and sign out URLs, either in the console or by using the CLI or API, before you can use them with your user pool app client.

- 7. Type your optional **Sign out URLs**, separated by commas.
- 8. Select your OAuth 2.0 options:
  - · Authorized code grant
  - Implicit grant
  - · Client credentials

Choosing client credentials will clear the other options, and the standard scopes will not be available.

- a. For the code grant and implicit grant options, select your scopes from Allowed OAuth Scopes.
   Each scope is a set of one or more standard attributes. For more information, see App Client Settings Overview (p. 76).
  - b. For the client credentials flow, the standard scopes are not available. Since the client credentials flow is not used on behalf of a user, only custom scopes can be used. A custom scope is one that you define for your own resource server. See Defining Resource Servers for Your User Pool (p. 88).
- 10. Choose **Save changes**.

# To Configure an App Client (AWS CLI and AWS API)

You can use the AWS CLI to update, create, describe, and delete your user pool app client.

Replace "MyUserPoolID" and "MyAppClientID" with your user pool and app client ID values in these examples. Likewise, your parameter values might be different than those used in these examples.

#### Note

Use JSON format for callback and logout URLs to prevent the CLI from treating them as remote parameter files:

```
--callback-urls '["https://example.com"]'
```

--logout-urls '["https://example.com"]'

# Updating a User Pool App Client (AWS CLI and AWS API)

```
aws cognito-idp update-user-pool-client --user-pool-id "MyUserPoolID" --client-id "MyAppClientID" --allowed-o-auth-flows-user-pool-client --allowed-o-auth-flows "code" "implicit" --allowed-o-auth-scopes "openid" --callback-urls '["https://example.com"]' --supported-identity-providers '["MySAMLIdP", "LoginWithAmazon"]'
```

If the command is successful, the AWS CLI returns a confirmation:

```
{
```

```
"UserPoolClient": {
        "ClientId": "MyClientID",
        "SupportedIdentityProviders": [
            "LoginWithAmazon",
            "MySAMLIdP"
        "CallbackURLs": [
            "https://example.com"
        "AllowedOAuthScopes": [
            "openid"
        "ClientName": "Example",
        "AllowedOAuthFlows": [
            "implicit",
            "code"
        "RefreshTokenValidity": 30,
        "CreationDate": 1524628110.29,
        "AllowedOAuthFlowsUserPoolClient": true,
        "UserPoolId": "MyUserPoolID",
        "LastModifiedDate": 1530055177.553
   }
}
```

See the AWS CLI command reference for more information: update-user-pool-client.

AWS API: UpdateUserPoolClient

Creating a User Pool App Client (AWS CLI and AWS API)

```
aws cognito-idp create-user-pool-client --user-pool-id MyUserPoolID --client-name myApp
```

See the AWS CLI command reference for more information: create-user-pool-client

AWS API: CreateUserPoolClient

Getting Information about a User Pool App Client (AWS CLI and AWS API)

```
aws cognito-idp describe-user-pool-client --user-pool-id MyUserPoolID --client-id MyClientID
```

See the AWS CLI command reference for more information: describe-user-pool-client.

AWS API: DescribeUserPoolClient

Listing All App Client Information in a User Pool (AWS CLI and AWS API)

```
aws cognito-idp list-user-pool-clients --user-pool-id "MyUserPoolID" --max-results 3
```

See the AWS CLI command reference for more information: list-user-pool-clients.

AWS API: ListUserPoolClients

Deleting a User Pool App Client (AWS CLI and AWS API)

```
aws cognito-idp delete-user-pool-client --user-pool-id "MyUserPoolID" --client-id "MyAppClientID"
```

See the AWS CLI command reference for more information: delete-user-pool-client

AWS API: DeleteUserPoolClient

# Configuring a User Pool Domain

After setting up an app client, you can configure the address of your sign-up and sign-in webpages. You can use an Amazon Cognito hosted domain and choose an available domain prefix, or you can use your own web address as a custom domain.

To add an app client and an Amazon Cognito hosted domain with the AWS Management Console, see Adding an App to Enable the Hosted Web UI.

#### **Topics**

- Using the Amazon Cognito Domain for the Hosted UI (p. 80)
- Using Your Own Domain for the Hosted UI (p. 81)

# Using the Amazon Cognito Domain for the Hosted UI

After setting up an app client, you can configure the address of your sign-up and sign-in webpages. You can use the hosted Amazon Cognito domain with your own domain prefix.

To add an app client and an Amazon Cognito hosted domain with the AWS Management Console, see Adding an App to Enable the Hosted Web UI.

#### **Topics**

- Prerequisites (p. 80)
- Step 1: Configure a Hosted User Pool Domain (p. 80)
- Step 2: Verify Your Sign-in Page (p. 81)

# **Prerequisites**

Before you begin, you need:

A user pool with an app client. For more information, see Getting Started with User Pools (p. 14).

# Step 1: Configure a Hosted User Pool Domain

To configure a hosted user pool domain (AWS Management Console)

You can use the AWS Management Console to configure a user pool domain.

## To configure a Amazon Cognito hosted domain

- 1. Sign in to the Amazon Cognito console.
- 2. In the navigation pane, choose Manage your User Pools, and choose the user pool you want to edit.
- 3. Choose the **Domain name** tab.
- 4. Type the domain prefix you want to use in the **Prefix domain name** box.
- 5. Choose **Check availability** to confirm the domain prefix is available.
- 6. Choose Save changes.

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# To configure a hosted user pool domain (AWS CLI and AWS API)

Use the following commands to create a domain prefix and assign it to your user pool.

## To configure a user pool domain

• AWS CLI: aws cognito-idp create-user-pool-domain

```
Example: aws cognito-idp create-user-pool-domain --user-pool-id <user_pool_id> --domain <domain_name>
```

AWS API: CreateUserPoolDomain

# To get information about a domain

• AWS CLI: aws cognito-idp describe-user-pool-domain

```
Example: aws cognito-idp describe-user-pool-domain --domain cdomain name>
```

AWS API: DescribeUserPoolDomain

#### To delete a domain

• AWS CLI: aws cognito-idp delete-user-pool-domain

```
Example: aws cognito-idp delete-user-pool-domain --domain <domain_name>
```

• AWS API: DeleteUserPoolDomain

# Step 2: Verify Your Sign-in Page

Verify that the sign-in page is available from your Amazon Cognito hosted domain.

```
https://your_domain/login?
response_type=code&client_id=your_app_client_id&redirect_uri=your_callback_url
```

Your domain is shown on the **Domain name** page of the Amazon Cognito console. Your app client ID and callback URL are shown on the **App client settings** page.

# Using Your Own Domain for the Hosted UI

After setting up an app client, you can configure your user pool with a custom domain for the Amazon Cognito hosted UI. With a custom domain, you enable your users to sign in to your application by using your own web address.

#### **Topics**

- Adding a Custom Domain to a User Pool (p. 81)
- Changing the SSL Certificate for Your Custom Domain (p. 84)

# Adding a Custom Domain to a User Pool

To add a custom domain to your user pool, you specify the domain name in the Amazon Cognito console, and you provide a certificate you manage with AWS Certificate Manager (ACM). After you add your domain, Amazon Cognito provides an alias target, which you add to your DNS configuration.

## Prerequisites

Before you begin, you need:

- A user pool with an app client. For more information, see Getting Started with User Pools (p. 14).
- A web domain that you own. Its root must have a valid A record in DNS. For more information see Domain Names.
- The ability to create a subdomain for your custom domain. We recommend using auth as the subdomain. For example: auth.example.com.

#### Note

You might need to obtain a new certificate for your custom domain's subdomain if you don't have a wildcard certificate.

- A Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) certificate managed by ACM. You must change the AWS region to US East (N. Virginia) in the ACM console before you request or import a certificate.
- To set up a custom domain name or to update its certificate, you must have permission to update Amazon CloudFront distributions. You can do so by attaching the following IAM policy statement to an IAM user, group, or role in your AWS account:

See Using Identity-Based Policies (IAM Policies) for CloudFront.

# Step 1: Enter Your Custom Domain Name

You can add your domain to your user pool by using the Amazon Cognito console or API.

## To add your domain to your user pool (Amazon Cognito console)

- 1. Sign in to the Amazon Cognito console. You might be prompted for your AWS credentials.
- 2. Sign in to the AWS Management Console and open the Amazon Cognito console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/cognito/home.
- 3. Choose Manage User Pools.
- 4. On the **Your User Pools** page, choose the user pool that you want to add your domain to.
- 5. On the navigation menu on the left, choose **Domain name**.
- 6. Under Your own domain, choose Use your domain.
- 7. For **Domain name**, enter your custom domain name. Your domain name can include only lowercase letters, numbers, and hyphens. Do not use a hyphen for the first or last character. Use periods to separate subdomain names.
- 8. For **AWS managed certificate**, choose the SSL certificate that you want to use for your domain. You can choose one of the certificates that you manage with ACM.

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If you don't have a certificate that is available to choose, you can use ACM to provision one. For more information, see Getting Started in the AWS Certificate Manager User Guide.

- 9. Choose **Save changes**.
- 10. Note the **Alias target**. Instead of an IP address or a domain name, the **Alias target** is an alias resource record set that points to an Amazon CloudFront distribution.

## To add your domain to your user pool (Amazon Cognito API)

• Use the CreateUserPoolDomain action.

# Step 2: Add an Alias Target and Subdomain

In this step, you set up an alias through your Domain Name Server (DNS) service provider that points back to the alias target from the previous step. If you are using Amazon Route 53 for DNS address resolution, choose the section **To add an alias target and subdomain using Route 53.** 

# To add an alias target and subdomain to your current DNS configuration

• If you aren't using Route 53 for DNS address resolution, then you need to have your DNS service provider add the alias target from the previous step as an alias for your user pool custom domain. Your DNS provider will also need to set up the subdomain for your custom domain.

# To add an alias target and subdomain using Route 53

- 1. Sign in to the Route 53 console. You might be prompted for your AWS credentials.
- 2. If you don't have a hosted zone in Route 53, set one up. Otherwise, skip this step.
  - a. Choose Create Hosted Zone.
  - b. Choose your custom domain from the **Domain Name** list.
  - c. For **Comment**, type an optional comment about the hosted zone.
  - d. Choose **Create**.
- 3. On the **Hosted Zones** page, choose the name of your hosted zone.
- 4. Choose Create Record Set.
- 5. Select Yes for the Alias option.
- 6. Type the alias target name that you noted in a previous step into Alias Target.
- 7. Choose Create.

#### Note

Your new records take time to propagate to the Route 53 DNS servers. Currently, the only way to verify that changes have propagated is to use the Route 53 GetChange API method. Changes generally propagate to all Route 53 name servers within 60 seconds.

- 8. Add a subdomain in Route 53 by using the alias target.
  - a. On the **Hosted Zones** page, choose the name of your hosted zone.
  - b. Choose **Create Record Set** and enter the following values:
    - i. For **Name**, type your preferred subdomain name. For example, if the subdomain you're attempting to create is <a href="mailto:auth.example.com">auth.example.com</a>, type <a href="mailto:auth.example.com">auth</a>.
    - ii. For Type, choose A IPv4 address.
    - iii. Select Yes for the Alias option.
    - iv. Type the alias target name that you noted in a previous step in Alias Target.

### c. Choose Create.

#### Note

Alternatively, you can create a new hosted zone to hold the records that are associated with your subdomain. You can also createa delegation set in the parent hosted zone that refers clients to the subdomain hosted zone. This method offers more flexibility when you're managing the hosted zones (for example, restricting who can edit the zones). You can only use this method for public hosted zones, because adding NS records to private hosted zones isn't currently supported. For more information, see Creating a subdomain for a domain hosted through Amazon Route 53.

# Step 3: Verify Your Sign-in Page

• Verify that the sign-in page is available from your custom domain.

Sign in with your custom domain and subdomain by entering this address into your browser. This is an example URL of a custom domain example.com with the subdomain auth:

```
https://auth.example.com/login?
response_type=code&client_id=<your_app_client_id>&redirect_uri=<your_callback_url>
```

# Changing the SSL Certificate for Your Custom Domain

When necessary, you can use Amazon Cognito to change the certificate that you applied to your custom domain.

Usually, this is unnecessary following routine certificate renewal with ACM. When you renew your existing certificate in ACM, the ARN for your certificate remains the same, and your custom domain uses the new certificate automatically.

However, if you replace your existing certificate with a new one, ACM gives the new certificate a new ARN. To apply the new certificate to your custom domain, you must provide this ARN to Amazon Cognito.

After you provide your new certificate, Amazon Cognito requires up to 1 hour to distribute it to your custom domain.

#### Before you begin

Before you can change your certificate in Amazon Cognito, you must add your certificate to ACM. For more information, see Getting Started in the AWS Certificate Manager User Guide. When you add your certificate to ACM, you must choose US East (N. Virginia) as the AWS Region.

You can change your certificate by using the Amazon Cognito console or API.

# To renew a certificate (Amazon Cognito console)

- Sign in to the AWS Management Console and open the Amazon Cognito console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/cognito/home.
- Choose Manage User Pools.
- 3. On the Your User Pools page, choose the user pool that you want to add your domain to.
- 4. On the navigation menu on the left, choose **Domain name**.
- 5. Under Your own domain, for AWS managed certificate, choose your new certificate.
- 6. Choose Save changes.

## To renew a certificate (Amazon Cognito API)

Use the UpdateUserPoolDomain action.

# Customizing the Built-in Sign-in and Sign-up Webpages

You can use the AWS Management Console, or the AWS CLI or API, to specify customization settings for the built-in app UI experience. You can upload a custom logo image to be displayed in the app. You can also choose many CSS customizations.

You can specify app UI customization settings for a single client (with a specific clientId) or for all clients (by setting the clientId to ALL). If you specify ALL, the default configuration will be used for every client that has no UI customization set previously. If you specify UI customization settings for a particular client, it will no longer fall back to the ALL configuration.

#### Note

To use this feature, your user pool must have a domain associated with it.

# Specifying a Custom Logo for the App

The maximum allowable size for a logo image file is 100 KB.

# Specifying CSS Customizations for the App

You can customize the CSS for the hosted app pages, with the following restrictions:

- The CSS class names can only be from the following list:
  - background-customizable
  - banner-customizable
  - errorMessage-customizable
  - idpButton-customizable
  - idpButton-customizable:hover
  - inputField-customizable
  - inputField-customizable:focus
  - label-customizable
  - legalText-customizable
  - logo-customizable
  - submitButton-customizable
  - submitButton-customizable:hover
  - textDescription-customizable
- Property values cannot contain HTML, @import, @supports, @page, or @media statements or Javascript.

You can customize the following CSS properties.

#### Labels

• font-weight is a multiple of 100 from 100 to 900.

### Input fields

width is the width as a percentage of the containing block.

- height is the height of the input field in pixels (px).
- color is the text color. It can be any standard CSS color value.
- background-color is the background color of the input field. It can be any standard color value.
- **border** is a standard CSS border value that specifies the width, transparency, and color of the border of your app window. Width can be any value from 1px to 100px. Transparency can be solid or none. Color can be any standard color value.

### **Text descriptions**

- padding-top is the amount of padding above the text description.
- padding-bottom is the amount of padding below the text description.
- display can be block or inline.
- font-size is the font size for text descriptions.

#### **Submit button**

- font-size is the font size of the button text.
- font-weight is the font weight of the button text: bold, italic, or normal.
- margin is a string of 4 values indicating the top, right, bottom, and left margin sizes for the button.
- font-size is the font size for text descriptions.
- width is the width of the button text in percent of the containing block.
- height is the height of the button in pixels (px).
- color is the button text color. It can be any standard CSS color value.
- background-color is the background color of the button. It can be any standard color value.

#### Banner

- padding is a string of 4 values indicating the top, right, bottom, and left padding sizes for the banner
- background-color is the banner's background color. It can be any standard CSS color value.

#### Submit button hover

- **color** is the foreground color of the button when you hover over it. It can be any standard CSS color value.
- background-color is the background color of the button when you hover over it. It can be any standard CSS color value.

#### Identity provider button hover

- color is the foreground color of the button when you hover over it. It can be any standard CSS color value.
- background-color is the background color of the button when you hover over it. It can be any standard CSS color value.

# Password check not valid

 color is the text color of the "Password check not valid" message. It can be any standard CSS color value.

# Background

• background-color is the background color of the app window. It can be any standard CSS color value.

#### Error messages

- margin is a string of 4 values indicating the top, right, bottom, and left margin sizes.
- padding is the padding size.
- font-size is the font size.
- width is the width of the error message as a percentage of the containing block.
- background is the background color of the error message. It can be any standard CSS color value.

- border is a string of 3 values specifying the width, transparency, and color of the border.
- color is the error message text color. It can be any standard CSS color value.
- **box-sizing** is used to indicate to the browser what the sizing properties (width and height) should include.

# **Identity provider buttons**

- height is the height of the button in pixels (px).
- width is the width of the button text as a percentage of the containing block.
- text-align is the text alignment setting. It can be left, right, or center.
- margin-bottom is the bottom margin setting.
- color is the button text color. It can be any standard CSS color value.
- background-color is the background color of the button. It can be any standard color value.
- border-color is the color of the button border. It can be any standard color value.

### **Identity provider descriptions**

- padding-top is the amount of padding above the description.
- padding-bottom is the amount of padding below the description.
- display can be block or inline.
- font-size is the font size for descriptions.

# Legal text

- color is the text color. It can be any standard CSS color value.
- font-size is the font size.

#### Logo

- max-width is the maximum width as a percentage of the containing block.
- max-height is the maximum height as a percentage of the containing block.

#### Input field focus

- border-color is the color of the input field. It can be any standard CSS color value.
- outline is the border width of the input field, in pixels.

## Social button

- height is the height of the button in pixels (px).
- text-align is the text alignment setting. It can be left, right, or center.
- width is the width of the button text as a percentage of the containing block.
- margin-bottom is the bottom margin setting.

#### Password check valid

• color is the text color of the "Password check valid" message. It can be any standard CSS color value.

# Specifying App UI Customization Settings for a User Pool (AWS Management Console)

You can use the AWS Management Console to specify UI customization settings for your app.

### Note

You can view the hosted UI with your customizations by constructing the following URL, with the specifics for your user pool, and typing it into a browser: https://<your\_domain>/login? response\_type=code&client\_id=<your\_app\_client\_id>&redirect\_uri=<your\_callback\_url> You may have to wait up to one minute to refresh your browser before changes made in the console appear.

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Your domain is shown on the **Domain name** tab. Your app client ID and callback URL are shown on the **App client settings** tab.

# To specify app UI customization settings

- 1. Sign in to the Amazon Cognito console.
- 2. In the navigation pane, choose Manage your User Pools, and choose the user pool you want to edit.
- 3. Choose the **UI customization** tab.
- 4. Under **App client to customize**, choose the app you want to customize from the dropdown menu of app clients that you previously created in the **App clients** tab.
- 5. To upload your own logo image file, choose Choose a file or drag a file into the Logo (optional) box.
- 6. Under **CSS customizations (optional)**, you can customize the appearance of the app by changing various properties from their default values.

# Specifying App UI Customization Settings for a User Pool (AWS CLI and AWS API)

Use the following commands to specify app UI customization settings for your user pool.

# To get the UI customization settings for a user pool's built-in app UI

- AWS CLI: aws cognito-idp get-ui-customization
- AWS API: GetUICustomization

## To set the UI customization settings for a user pool's built-in app UI

- AWS CLI: aws cognito-idp set-ui-customization --user-pool-id <your-user-pool-id> --client-id <your-app-client-id> --image-file <path-to-logo-image-file> --css ".label-customizable{ color: <color>;}"
- AWS API: SetUICustomization

# **Defining Resource Servers for Your User Pool**

Once you configure a domain for your user pool, the Amazon Cognito service automatically provisions a hosted web UI that allows you to add sign-up and sign-in pages to your app. For more information see Step 2. Add an App to Enable the Hosted Web UI (p. 15).

A resource server is a server for access-protected resources. It handles authenticated requests from an app that has an access token. Typically the resource server provides a CRUD API for making these access requests. This API can be hosted in Amazon API Gateway or outside of AWS. The app passes the access token in the API call to the resource server. The app should treat the access token as opaque when it passes the token in the access request. The resource server inspects the access token to determine if access should be granted.

#### Note

Your resource server must verify the access token signature and expiration date before processing any claims inside the token. For more information about verifying and using user pool tokens, see this blog post. Amazon API Gateway is a good option for inspecting access tokens and protecting your resources. For more about API Gateway custom authorizers, see Use API Gateway Custom Authorizers.

A *scope* is a level of access that an app can request to a resource. For example, if you have a resource server for photos, it might define two scopes: one for read access to the photos and one for write/delete

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access. When the app makes an API call to request access and passes an access token, the token will have one or more scopes embedded in inside it.

#### Overview

Amazon Cognito allows app developers to create their own OAuth2.0 resource servers and define custom scopes in them. Custom scopes can then be associated with a client, and the client can request them in OAuth2.0 authorization code grant flow, implicit flow, and client credentials flow. Custom scopes are added in the scope claim in the access token. A client can use the access token against its resource server, which makes the authorization decision based on scopes present in the token. For more information about access token scope, see Using Tokens with User Pools (p. 195).

#### Note

Your resource server must verify the access token signature and expiration date before processing any claims inside the token.

#### Note

An app client can only use the client credentials flow if the app client has a client secret.

# Managing the Resource Server and Custom Scopes

When creating a resource server, you must provide a resource server name and a resource server identifier. For each scope you create in the resource server, you must provide the scope name and description.

## Example:

- Name: a friendly name for the resource server, such as Weather API or Photo API.
- Identifier: Unique identifier for the resource server. This could be an HTTPS endpoint where your resource server is located. For example, https://my-weather-api.example.com
- Scope Name: The scope name. For example, weather.read
- Scope Description: A brief description the scope. For example, Retrieve weather information.

When a client app requests a custom scope in any of the OAuth2.0 flows, it must request the full identifier for the scope, which is resourceServerIdentifier/scopeName. For example, if the resource server identifier is https://myphotosapi.example.com and the scope name is photos.read, the client app must request https://myphotosapi.example.com/photos.read at runtime.

Deleting a scope from a resource server does not delete its association with all clients; deleting the scope makes it inactive. So if a client app requests the deleted scope at runtime, the scope is ignored and is not included in the access token. If the scope is re-added later, then it is again included in the access token.

If a scope is removed from a client, the association between client and scope is deleted. If a client requests a disallowed scope at runtime, this results in an error, and an access token is not issued.

You can use the AWS Management Console, API, and CLI to define resource servers and scopes for your user pool.

# Defining a Resource Server for Your User Pool (AWS Management Console)

You can use the AWS Management Console to define a resource server for your user pool.

### To define a resource server

1. Sign in to the Amazon Cognito console.

- 2. In the navigation pane, choose Manage your User Pools, and choose the user pool you want to edit.
- Choose the Resource servers tab.
- Choose Add a resource server.
- 5. Enter the name of your resource server, for example, Photo Server.
- 6. Enter the identifier of your resource server, for example, com.example.photos.
- 7. Enter the names of the custom scopes for your resources, such as read and write.
- For each of the scope names, enter a description, such as view your photos and update your photos.
- 9. Choose **Save changes**.

Each of the custom scopes that you define appears on the **App client settings** tab, under **OAuth2.0 Allowed Custom Scopes**; for example com.example.photos/read.

# Defining a Resource Server for Your User Pool (AWS CLI and AWS API)

Use the following commands to specify resource server settings for your user pool.

#### To create a resource server

- AWS CLI: aws cognito-idp create-resource-server
- AWS API: CreateResourceServer

#### To get information about your resource server settings

- AWS CLI: aws cognito-idp describe-resource-server
- AWS API: DescribeResourceServer

### To list information about all resource servers for your user pool

- AWS CLI: aws cognito-idp list-resource-servers
- AWS API: ListResourceServers

#### To delete a resource server

- AWS CLI: aws cognito-idp delete-resource-server
- AWS API: DeleteResourceServer

### To update the settings for a resource server

- AWS CLI: aws cognito-idp update-resource-server
- AWS API: UpdateResourceServer

# Adding User Pool Sign-in Through a Third Party

Your app users can sign in either directly through a user pool, or federate through a third-party identity provider (IdP). The user pool manages the overhead of handling the tokens that are returned from social sign-in through Facebook, Google, and Amazon, and from OpenID Connect (OIDC) and SAML IdPs. With

the built-in hosted web UI, Amazon Cognito provides token handling and management for authenticated users from all identity providers, so your backend systems can standardize on one set of user pool tokens.



#### Note

Sign-in through a third party (federation) is available in Amazon Cognito user pools. This feature is independent of federation through Amazon Cognito identity pools (federated identities).

#### **Topics**

- Adding Social Identity Providers to a User Pool (p. 91)
- Adding SAML Identity Providers to a User Pool (p. 95)
- Adding OIDC Identity Providers to a User Pool (p. 102)
- Specifying Identity Provider Attribute Mappings for Your User Pool (p. 107)

# Adding Social Identity Providers to a User Pool

Your web and mobile app users can sign in through social identity providers (IdP) like Facebook, Google, and Amazon. With the built-in hosted web UI, Amazon Cognito provides token handling and management for all authenticated users, so your backend systems can standardize on one set of user pool tokens.

You can add a social identity provider in the AWS Management Console, with the AWS CLI, or using Amazon Cognito API calls.



#### Note

Sign-in through a third party (federation) is available in Amazon Cognito user pools. This feature is independent of federation through Amazon Cognito identity pools (federated identities).

## **Topics**

- Prerequisites (p. 91)
- Step 1: Register with a Social IdP (p. 92)
- Step 2: Add a Social IdP to Your User Pool (p. 93)
- Step 3: Test Your Social IdP Configuration (p. 94)

# Prerequisites

Before you begin, you need:

- A user pool with an application client and a user pool domain. For more information, see Create a user pool.
- · A social identity provider.

# Step 1: Register with a Social IdP

Before you create a social IdP with Amazon Cognito, you must register your application with the social IdP to receive a client ID and client secret.

# To register an app with Facebook

- 1. Create a developer account with Facebook.
- 2. Sign in with your Facebook credentials.
- 3. From the My Apps menu, choose Create New App.
- 4. Give your Facebook app a name and choose Create App ID.
- 5. On the left navigation bar, choose **Settings** and then **Basic**.
- 6. Note the App ID and the App Secret. You will use them in the next section.
- 7. Choose + Add Platform from the bottom of the page.
- 8. Choose Website.
- 9. Under Website, type your user pool domain with the /oauth2/idpresponse endpoint into Site URL.

```
https://<your-user-pool-domain>/oauth2/idpresponse
```

- 10. Choose Save changes.
- 11. Type your user pool domain into **App Domains**.

```
https://<your-user-pool-domain>
```

- 12. Choose **Save changes**.
- 13. From the navigation bar choose Products and then Set up from Facebook Login.
- 14. From the navigation bar choose **Facebook Login** and then **Settings**.

Type your redirect URL into **Valid OAuth Redirect URIs**. It will consist of your user pool domain with the /oauth2/idpresponse endpoint.

```
https://<your-user-pool-domain>/oauth2/idpresponse
```

15. Choose Save changes.

#### To register an app with Amazon

- 1. Create a developer account with Amazon.
- 2. Sign in with your Amazon credentials.
- 3. You need to create an Amazon security profile to receive the Amazon client ID and client secret.

Choose **Apps and Services** from navigation bar at the top of the page and then choose **Login with Amazon** 

- 4. Choose Create a Security Profile.
- 5. Type in a Security Profile Name, a Security Profile Description, and a Consent Privacy Notice URL.
- 6. Choose Save.
- 7. Choose **Client ID** and **Client Secret** to show the client ID and secret. You will use them in the next section.
- 8. Hover over the gear and choose **Web Settings**, and then choose **Edit**.

9. Type your user pool domain into Allowed Origins.

```
https://<your-user-pool-domain>
```

10. Type your user pool domain with the /oauth2/idpresponse endpoint into Allowed Return URLs.

```
https://<your-user-pool-domain>/oauth2/idpresponse
```

11. Choose Save.

# To register an app with Google

- 1. Create a developer account with Google.
- 2. Sign in with your Google credentials.
- 3. Choose CONFIGURE A PROJECT.
- 4. Type in a project name and choose **NEXT**.
- 5. Type in your product name and choose **NEXT**.
- 6. Choose Web browser from the Where are you calling from? drop-down list.
- 7. Type your user pool domain into **Authorized JavaScript origins**.

```
https://<your-user-pool-domain>
```

- 8. Choose CREATE. You will not use the Client ID and Client Secret from this step.
- 9. Choose DONE.
- 10. Sign in to the Google Console.
- 11. On the left navigation bar, choose **Credentials**.
- Create your OAuth 2.0 credentials by choosing OAuth client ID from the Create credentials dropdown list.
- 13. Choose Web application.
- 14. Type your user pool domain into Authorized JavaScript origins.

```
https://<your-user-pool-domain>
```

15. Type your user pool domain with the **/oauth2/idpresponse** endpoint into **Authorized Redirect URIs**.

```
https://<your-user-pool-domain>/oauth2/idpresponse
```

- 16. Choose Create twice.
- 17. Note the **OAuth client ID** and **client secret**. You will need them for the next section.
- 18. Choose OK.

# Step 2: Add a Social IdP to Your User Pool

In this section, you configure a social IdP in your user pool using the client ID and client secret from the previous section.

# To configure a user pool social identity provider with the AWS Management Console

- 1. Go to the Amazon Cognito console. You might be prompted for your AWS credentials.
- 2. Choose Manage your User Pools.
- 3. Choose an existing user pool from the list, or create a user pool.
- 4. On the left navigation bar, choose **Identity providers**.
- 5. Choose a social identity provider: Facebook, Google, or Login with Amazon.
- 6. Type the app client ID and app client secret that you received from the social identity provider in the previous section.
- 7. Type the names of the scopes that you want to authorize. Scopes define which user attributes (such as name and email) you want to access with your app. For Facebook, these should be separated by commas. For Google and Login with Amazon, they should be separated by spaces.

Social identity provider	Example scopes
Facebook	<pre>public_profile, email</pre>
Google	profile email openid
Login with Amazon	profile postal_code

Your app user is asked to consent to providing these attributes to your app. For more information about their scopes, see the documentation from Google, Facebook, and Login with Amazon.

- 8. Choose **Enable** for the social identity provider that you're configuring.
- 9. Choose **App client settings** from the navigation bar.
- 10. Select your social identity provider as one of the **Enabled Identity Providers** for your user pool app.
- 11. Type your callback URL into **Callback URL(s)** for your user pool app. This is the URL of the page where your user will be redirected after a successful authentication.

```
https://www.example.com
```

- 12. Choose **Save changes**.
- 13. On the Attribute mapping tab, add mappings for at least the required attributes, typically email, as follows:
  - a. Select the check box to choose the Facebook, Google, or Amazon attribute name. You can also type the names of additional attributes that aren't listed in the Amazon Cognito console.
  - b. Choose the destination user pool attribute from the drop-down list.
  - c. Choose Save changes.
  - d. Choose Go to summary.

# Step 3: Test Your Social IdP Configuration

You can create a login URL by using the elements from the previous two sections. Use it to test your social IdP configuration.

```
https://<your_user_pool_domain>/login?
response_type=code&client_id=<your_client_id>&redirect_uri=https://www.example.com
```

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You can find your domain on the user pool **Domain name** console page. The client\_id is on the **App client settings** page. Use your callback URL for the **redirect\_uri** parameter. This is the URL of the page where your user will be redirected after a successful authentication.

#### Note

Requests that are not completed within 5 minutes will be cancelled, redirected to the login page, and then display a Something went wrong error message.

# Adding SAML Identity Providers to a User Pool

You can enable your web and mobile app users to sign in through a SAML identity provider (IdP) such as Microsoft Active Directory Federation Services (ADFS), or Shibboleth. Choose a SAML identity provider that supports the SAML 2.0 standard.

With the built-in hosted web UI, Amazon Cognito provides token handling and management for all authenticated users, so your backend systems can standardize on one set of user pool tokens. You can create and manage a SAML IdP in the AWS Management Console, with the AWS CLI, or using Amazon Cognito API calls. To get started with the console see Adding sign-in through SAML-based identity providers to a user pool with the AWS Management Console.



#### Note

Sign-in through a third party (federation) is available in Amazon Cognito user pools. This feature is independent of federation through Amazon Cognito identity pools (federated identities).

You need to update your SAML identity provider and configure your user pool to support it. See the documentation for your SAML identity provider for information about how to add your user pool as a relying party or application for your SAML 2.0 identity provider.

You also need to provide an assertion consumer endpoint to your SAML identity provider. Configure this endpoint for SAML 2.0 POST binding in your SAML identity provider:

https://<yourDomainPrefix>.auth.<region>.amazoncognito.com/saml2/idpresponse

You can find your domain prefix and the region value for your user pool on the **Domain name** tab of the Amazon Cognito console.

For some SAML identity providers, you also need to provide the SP urn / Audience URI / SP Entity ID, in the form:

urn:amazon:cognito:sp:<yourUserPoolID>

You can find your user pool ID on the **App client settings** tab in the Amazon Cognito console.

You should also configure your SAML identity provider to provide attribute values for any attributes that are required in your user pool. Typically, email is a required attribute for user pools. In that case, the SAML identity provider should provide an email value (claim) in the SAML assertion.

Amazon Cognito user pools support SAML 2.0 federation with post-binding endpoints. This eliminates the need for your app to retrieve or parse SAML assertion responses, because the user pool directly

receives the SAML response from your identity provider via a user agent. Your user pool acts as a service provider (SP) on behalf of your application. Amazon Cognito supports SP-initiated single sign-on (SSO) as described in section 5.1.2 of the SAML V2.0 Technical Overview.

#### **Topics**

- SAML User Pool IdP Authentication Flow (p. 96)
- Choosing SAML Identity Provider Names (p. 97)
- Creating and Managing a SAML Identity Provider for a User Pool (AWS Management Console) (p. 97)
- Creating and Managing a SAML Identity Provider for a User Pool (AWS CLI and AWS API) (p. 99)
- Integrating Third-Party SAML Identity Providers with Amazon Cognito User Pools (p. 101)

# SAML User Pool IdP Authentication Flow

You can integrate SAML-based IdPs directly from your user pool.

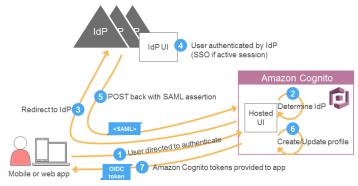
- 1. The app starts the sign-up and sign-in process by directing your user to the UI hosted by AWS. A mobile app can use web view to show the pages hosted by AWS.
- 2. Typically your user pool determines the identity provider for your user from that user's email address.

Alternatively, if your app gathered information before directing the user to your user pool, it can provide that information to Amazon Cognito through a query parameter.

- 3. Your user is redirected to the identity provider.
- 4. The IdP authenticates the user if necessary. If the IdP recognizes that the user has an active session, the IdP skips the authentication to provide a single sign-in (SSO) experience.
- 5. The IdP POSTs the SAML assertion to the Amazon Cognito service.
- 6. The user's profile can be created or updated in the AWS Management Console, with the AWS CLI, or using Amazon Cognito API calls.
- 7. After verifying the SAML assertion and collecting the user attributes (claims) from the assertion, Amazon Cognito returns OIDC tokens to the app for the now signed-in user.

The following diagram shows the authentication flow for this process:

# SAML Federation



#### Note

Requests that are not completed within 5 minutes will be cancelled, redirected to the login page, and then display a Something went wrong error message.

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When a user authenticates, the user pool returns ID, access, and refresh tokens. The ID token is a standard OIDC token for identity management, and the access token is a standard OAuth 2.0 token. The ID and access tokens expire after one hour, but your app can use the refresh token to get new tokens without having the user re-authenticate. As a developer, you can choose the expiration time of refresh tokens, and therefore how frequently users need to reauthenticate. If the user has authenticated through an external IdP (i.e., they are a federated user), your app still uses the Amazon Cognito tokens with the refresh token to determine how long until the user reauthenticates, regardless of when the external IdP's token expires. The user pool automatically uses the refresh token to get new ID and access tokens when they expire. If the refresh token has also expired, the server automatically initiates authentication through the pages in your app that are hosted by AWS.

# **Choosing SAML Identity Provider Names**

You need to choose names for your SAML providers. The string format is [\w\s+=.@-]+ and can be up to 40 characters long.

You can also optionally choose identifiers for your SAML providers. An identifier uniquely resolves to an identity provider associated with your user pool. Typically each identifier corresponds to a domain that belongs to the company that the SAML IdP represents. For a multitenant app that can be used by different companies, identifiers can be used to redirect users to the correct IdP. Since there can be multiple domains owned by the same company, you can provide multiple identifiers.

You can associate up to 50 identifiers with each SAML provider. Identifiers must be unique across the identity provider.

For example, suppose that you built an app that can be used by employees of two different companies, A and B. Company A owns domainA.com and domainA.co.uk; Company B owns domainB.com. Suppose further that you set up two IdPs, one for each company:

- For IdP A, you can define identifiers DomainA.com and DomainA.co.uk.
- For IdP B, you can define identifier DomainB.com.

In your application, you can prompt users to enter their email addresses. By deriving the domain from the email address, you can redirect the user to the correct IdP by providing the domain in the IdPIdentifier in the call to the /authorize endpoint. For example, if a user enters bob@domain1.co.uk, the user is redirected to IdP A.

The sign-in page hosted by Amazon Cognito parses the email address automatically to derive the information. It parses the email domain from email and uses it as IdPIdentifier when calls the / authorize endpoint.

- If you have multiple SAML IdPs and you specify an IdPIdentifier value for any one of them, you will see a box to enter an email address on the hosted page.
- If you have multiple IdPs, and you do not specify an IdPIdentifier value for any of them, the
  hosted page will show a list of IdPs.

If you're building your own UI, you should parse the domain name so that it matches the IdPIdentifiers that are provided during the IdP setup. For more information about IdP setup, see Configuring Identity Providers for Your User Pool (p. 223).

# Creating and Managing a SAML Identity Provider for a User Pool (AWS Management Console)

You can use the AWS Management Console to create and delete SAML identity providers.

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Before you create a SAML identity provider, you need the SAML metadata document that you get from the third-party identity provider (IdP). For instructions on how to get or generate the required SAML metadata document, see Integrating Third-Party SAML Identity Providers with Amazon Cognito User Pools (p. 101).

## To configure a SAML 2.0 identity provider in your user pool

- 1. Go to the Amazon Cognito console. You might be prompted for your AWS credentials.
- Choose Manage your User Pools.
- 3. Choose an existing user pool from the list, or create a user pool.
- 4. On the left navigation bar, choose **Identity providers**.
- 5. Choose SAML to open the SAML dialog.
- 6. Under **Metadata document** upload a metadata document from your SAML IdP. You can also enter a URL that points to the metadata document. For more information, see Integrating Third-Party SAML Identity Providers with Amazon Cognito User Pools (p. 101).

#### Note

We recommend that you provide the endpoint URL if it is a public endpoint, rather than uploading a file, because this allows Amazon Cognito to refresh the metadata automatically. Typically metadata refresh happens every 6 hours or before the metadata expires. whichever is earlier.

- 7. Enter your SAML **Provider name**. For more information on SAML naming see Choosing SAML Identity Provider Names (p. 97).
- 8. Enter any optional SAML **Identifiers** you want to use.
- 9. Select **Enable IdP sign out flow** if you want your user to be logged out from the SAML IdP when logging out from Amazon Cognito.

Enabling this flow sends a signed logout request to the SAML IdP when the LOGOUT Endpoint (p. 333) is called.

Configure this endpoint for consuming logout responses from your IdP. This endpoint uses post binding.

https://<mark><yourDomainPrefix>.auth.<region>.amazoncognito.com/saml2/logout</mark>

#### Note

If this option is selected and your SAML identity provider expects a signed logout request, you will also need to configure the signing certificate provided by Amazon Cognito with your SAML IdP.

The SAML IdP will process the signed logout request and logout your user from the Amazon Cognito session.

- 10. Choose **Create provider**.
- 11. On the **Attribute mapping** tab, add mappings for at least the required attributes, typically email, as follows:
  - a. Type the SAML attribute name as it appears in the SAML assertion from your identity provider. If your identity provider offers sample SAML assertions, that might help you to find the name. Some identity providers use simple names, such as email, while others use names similar to this:

http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/ws/2005/05/identity/claims/emailaddress

b. Choose the destination user pool attribute from the drop-down list.

- 12. Choose Save changes.
- 13. Choose Go to summary.

#### Note

If you see InvalidParameterException while creating a SAML identity provider with an HTTPS metadata endpoint URL, for example, "Error retrieving metadata from <metadata endpoint>," make sure that the metadata endpoint has SSL correctly set up and that there is a valid SSL certificate associated with it.

## To set up the SAML IdP to add a user pool as a relying party

- The user pools service provider URN is: urn:amazon:cognito:sp:<user\_pool\_id>. Amazon Cognito issues the AuthnRequest to SAML IdP to issue a SAML assertion with audience restriction to this URN. Your IdP uses the following POST binding endpoint for the IdP-to-SP response message: https://<domain prefix>.auth.</re>
- Make sure your SAML IdP populates NameID and any required attributes for your user pool in the SAML assertion. NameID is used for uniquely identifying your SAML federated user in the user pool. Use persistent SAML Name ID format.

# To set up the SAML IdP to add a signing certificate

• To get the certificate containing the public key which will be used by the identity provider to verify the signed logout request, choose **Show signing certificate** under **Active SAML Providers** on the **SAML** dialog under **Identity providers** on the **Federation** console page.

#### To delete a SAML provider

- 1. Sign in to the Amazon Cognito console.
- 2. In the navigation pane, choose Manage your User Pools, and choose the user pool you want to edit.
- 3. Choose **Identity providers** from the **Federation** console page.
- 4. Choose **SAML** to display the SAML identity providers.
- 5. Select the check box next to the provider to be deleted.
- 6. Choose Delete provider.

# Creating and Managing a SAML Identity Provider for a User Pool (AWS CLI and AWS API)

Use the following commands to create and manage a SAML provider.

### To create an identity provider and upload a metadata document

• AWS CLI: aws cognito-idp create-identity-provider

Example with metadata file: aws cognito-idp create-identity-provider --user-pool-id <user\_pool\_id> --provider-name=SAML\_provider\_1 --provider-type SAML --provider-details file://details.json --attribute-mapping email=http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/ws/2005/05/identity/claims/emailaddress

Where details.json contains:

```
{
    "MetadataFile": "<SAML metadata XML>"
```

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}

#### Note

If the <SAML metadata XML> contains any quotations ("), they must be escaped (\").

Example with metadata URL: aws cognito-idp create-identity-provider --user-pool-id <user\_pool\_id> --provider-name=SAML\_provider\_1 --provider-type SAML --provider-details MetadataURL=<metadata\_url> --attribute-mapping email=http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/ws/2005/05/identity/claims/emailaddress

AWS API: CreateIdentityProvider

# To upload a new metadata document for an identity provider

• AWS CLI: aws cognito-idp update-identity-provider

Example with metadata file: aws cognito-idp update-identity-provider --user-pool-id <user\_pool\_id> --provider-name=SAML\_provider\_1 --provider-details file:///details.json --attribute-mapping email=http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/ws/2005/05/identity/claims/emailaddress

Where details.json contains:

```
{
    "MetadataFile": "<SAML metadata XML>"
}
```

#### Note

If the <SAML metadata XML> contains any quotations ("), they must be escaped (\").

Example with metadata URL: aws cognito-idp update-identity-provider --user-pool-id <user\_pool\_id> --provider-name=SAML\_provider\_1 --provider-details MetadataURL=<metadata\_url> --attribute-mapping email=http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/ws/2005/05/identity/claims/emailaddress

AWS API: UpdateIdentityProvider

# To get information about a specific identity provider

• AWS CLI: aws cognito-idp describe-identity-provider

aws cognito-idp describe-identity-provider --user-pool-id <user\_pool\_id> -provider-name=SAML\_provider\_1

• AWS API: DescribeIdentityProvider

# To list information about all identity providers

• AWS CLI: aws cognito-idp list-identity-providers

Example: aws cognito-idp list-identity-providers --user-pool-id <user\_pool\_id> --max-results 3

AWS API: ListIdentityProviders

#### To delete an IdP

AWS CLI: aws cognito-idp delete-identity-provider

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aws cognito-idp delete-identity-provider --user-pool-id <user\_pool\_id> -provider-name=SAML\_provider\_1

• AWS API: DeleteIdentityProvider

# Integrating Third-Party SAML Identity Providers with Amazon Cognito User Pools

To configure third-party SAML 2.0 identity provider solutions to work with federation for Amazon Cognito User Pools, you must enter a redirect or sign-in URL, which is https://<yourDomainPrefix>.auth.<region>.amazoncognito.com/saml2/idpresponse. You can find your domain prefix and the region value for your user pool on the **Domain name** console page of the Amazon Cognito console.

#### Note

Any SAML identity providers that you created in a user pool during the public beta before August 10, 2017 have redirect URLs of https://<yourDomainPrefix>.auth.<region>.amazoncognito.com/login/redirect. If you have one of these SAML identity providers from the public beta in your user pool, you must either:

- Replace it with a new one that uses the new redirect URL.
- Update the configuration in your SAML identity provider to accept both the old and new redirect URLs.

All SAML identity providers in Amazon Cognito will switch to the new URLs, and the old ones will stop working on October 31, 2017.

For some SAML Identity providers you must provide the urn / Audience URI / SP Entity ID, in the form urn:amazon:cognito:sp:<yourUserPoolID</pre>. You can find your user pool ID on the General settings tab in the Amazon Cognito console.

You must also configure your SAML identity provider to provide attributes values for any attributes required in your user pool. Typically, email is a required attribute for user pools, and in that case the SAML identity provider will need to provide an email value (claim) in the SAML assertion.

The following links help you configure third-party SAML 2.0 identity provider solutions to work with federation for Amazon Cognito User Pools.

#### Note

Identity provider support is built in to Amazon Cognito, so you only need to go to the following provider sites to get the SAML metadata document. You may see further instructions on the provider website about integrating with AWS, but you won't need those.

Solution	More information
Microsoft Active Directory Federation Services (AD FS)	You can download the SAML metadata document for your ADFS federation server from the following address: https:// <yourservername>/ FederationMetadata/2007-06/ FederationMetadata.xml.</yourservername>
Okta	Once you have configured your Amazon Cognito User Pool as an application in Okta, you can find

Solution	More information
	the metadata document in the <b>Admin</b> section of the Okta dashboard. Choose the application, select the <b>Sign On</b> section, and look under the <b>Settings for SAML</b> . The URL should look like https://app-domain>.oktapreview.com/app/ <application-id>/sso/saml/metadata.</application-id>
Auth0	The metadata download document is obtained from the AuthO dashboard. Choose Clients, and then choose Settings. Scroll down, choose Show Advanced Settings, and then look for your SAML Metadata URL. It should look like https:// <your-domain-prefix>.authO.com/samlp/metadata/<your-autho-client-id>.</your-autho-client-id></your-domain-prefix>
Ping Identity	For PingFederate, you can find instructions for downloading a metadata XML file in Provide general SAML metadata by file.

# Adding OIDC Identity Providers to a User Pool

You can enable your users who already have accounts with OpenID Connect (OIDC) identity providers (IdPs) (like Salesforce or Ping Identity) to skip the sign-up step—and sign in to your application using an existing account. With the built-in hosted web UI, Amazon Cognito provides token handling and management for all authenticated users, so your backend systems can standardize on one set of user pool tokens.



#### Note

Sign-in through a third party (federation) is available in Amazon Cognito user pools. This feature is independent of federation through Amazon Cognito identity pools (federated identities).

You can add an OIDC IdP to your user pool in the AWS Management Console, with the AWS CLI, or by using the user pool API method CreateIdentityProvider.

#### **Topics**

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- Step 2: Add an OIDC IdP to Your User Pool (p. 104)
- Step 3: Test Your OIDC IdP Configuration (p. 106)
- OIDC User Pool IdP Authentication Flow (p. 106)

# **Prerequisites**

Before you begin, you need:

- A user pool with an application client and a user pool domain. For more information, see Create a user pool.
- An OIDC IdP.

# Step 1: Register with an OIDC IdP

Before you create an OIDC IdP with Amazon Cognito, you must register your application with the OIDC IdP to receive a client ID and client secret.

#### To register with an OIDC IdP

1. Create a developer account with the OIDC IdP.

#### Links to OIDC IdPs

OIDC IdP	How to Install	OIDC Discovery URL
Salesforce	Install a Salesforce identity provider	https://login.salesforce.com
Ping Identity	Install a Ping Identity identity provider	https://Your Ping domain address:9031/idp/ userinfo.openid  For example: https:// pf.company.com:9031/ idp/userinfo.openid
Okta	Install an Okta identity provider	https://Your Okta subdomain.oktapreview.com or https://Your Okta subdomain.okta.com
Microsoft Azure Active Directory (Azure AD)	Install a Microsoft Azure AD identity provider	https://login.windows.net/common
Google	Install a Google identity provider	https://accounts.google.com  Note  Amazon Cognito offers Google as an integrated social sign- in IdP. We recommend that you use the integrated IdP. See Adding Social Identity Providers to a User Pool (p. 91).

2. Register your user pool domain URL with the /oauth2/idpresponse endpoint with your OIDC IdP. This ensures that the OIDC IdP later accepts it from Amazon Cognito when it authenticates users.

https://<your-user-pool-domain>/oauth2/idpresponse

3. Register your callback URL with your OIDC IdP. This is the URL of the page where your user will be redirected after a successful authentication.

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https://www.example.com

- 4. Select your scopes. The scope **openid** is required. The **email** scope is needed to grant access to the **email** and **email\_verified** claims.
- 5. The OIDC IdP provides you with a client ID and a client secret. You'll use them when you set up an OIDC IdP in your user pool.

#### Example: Use Salesforce as an OIDC IdP with your user pool

You use an OIDC identity provider when you want to establish trust between an OIDC-compatible IdP such as Salesforce and your user pool.

- 1. Create an account on the Salesforce Developers website.
- 2. Sign in through your developer account that you set up in the previous step.
- 3. Look at the top of your Salesforce page.
  - If you're using Lightning Experience, choose the Setup gear icon, then choose **Setup Home**.
  - If you're using Salesforce Classic and you see Setup in the user interface header, choose it.
  - If you're using Salesforce Classic and you don't see Setup in the header, choose your name from the top navigation bar, and choose Setup from the drop-down list.
- 4. On the left navigation bar, choose **Company Settings**.
- 5. On the navigation bar, choose **Domain**, type a domain, and choose **Create**.
- 6. On the left navigation bar, go to **Platform Tools** and choose **Apps**.
- 7. Choose App Manager.
- 8. a. Choose **new connected app**.
  - b. Fill out the required fields.

Under Start URL, type your user pool domain URL with the /oauth2/idpresponse endpoint.

```
https://<your-user-pool-domain>/oauth2/idpresponse
```

c. Enable **OAuth settings** and, type your callback URL into **Callback URL**. This is the URL of the page where your user will be redirected after a successful sign-in.

```
https://www.example.com
```

 Select your scopes. The scope openid is required. The email scope is needed to grant access to the email and email\_verified claims.

Scopes are separated by spaces.

10. Choose Create.

In Salesforce, the client ID is called a **Consumer Key**, and the client secret is a **Consumer Secret**. Note your client ID and client secret. You will use them in the next section.

# Step 2: Add an OIDC IdP to Your User Pool

In this section, you configure your user pool to process OIDC-based authentication requests from an OIDC IdP.

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#### To add an OIDC IdP (Amazon Cognito console)

- 1. Go to the Amazon Cognito console. You might be prompted for your AWS credentials.
- 2. Choose Manage your User Pools.
- 3. Choose an existing user pool from the list, or create a user pool.
- 4. On the left navigation bar, choose **Identity providers**.
- 5. Choose **OpenId Connect**.
- 6. Type a unique name into Provider name.
- 7. Type the OIDC IdP's client ID from the previous section into **Client ID**.
- 8. Type the client secret from the previous section into **Client secret**.
- 9. In the drop-down list, choose the HTTP method (either GET or POST) that's used to fetch the details of the user from the **userinfo** endpoint into **Attributes request method**.
- 10. Type the names of the scopes that you want to authorize. Scopes define which user attributes (such as name and email) that you want to access with your application. Scopes are separated by spaces, according to the OAuth 2.0 specification.

Your app user is asked to consent to providing these attributes to your application.

11. Type the URL of your IdP and choose Run discovery.

For example, Salesforce uses this URL:

https://login.salesforce.com

#### Note

The URL should start with https://, and shouldn't end with a slash /. Only port numbers 443 and 80 can be used with this URL.

- If Run discovery isn't successful, then you need to provide the Authorization endpoint, Token endpoint, Userinfo endpoint, and Jwks uri (the location of the JSON Web Key).
- 12. Choose Create provider.
- 13. On the left navigation bar, choose App client settings.
- 14. Select the OIDC provider that you set up in the previous step as one of the **Enabled Identity Providers**.
- 15. Type a callback URL for the Amazon Cognito authorization server to call after users are authenticated. This is the URL of the page where your user will be redirected after a successful authentication.

https://www.example.com

 Under Allowed OAuth Flows, enable both the Authorization code grant and the Implicit code grant.

Unless you specifically want to exclude one, select the check boxes for all of the **Allowed OAuth scopes**.

- 17. Choose Save changes.
- 18. On the **Attribute mapping** tab on the left navigation bar, add mappings of OIDC claims to user pool attributes.
  - a. As a default, the OIDC claim sub is mapped to the user pool attribute Username. You can map other OIDC claims to user pool attributes. Type in the OIDC claim, and choose the corresponding user pool attribute from the drop-down list. For example, the claim email is often mapped to the user pool attribute Email.

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- b. In the drop-down list, choose the destination user pool attribute.
- c. Choose Save changes.
- d. Choose Go to summary.

#### To add an OIDC IdP (AWS CLI)

• See the parameter descriptions for the CreateIdentityProvider API method.

```
aws cognito-idp create-identity-provider
--user-pool-id string
--provider-name string
--provider-type OIDC
--provider-details map

--attribute-mapping string
--idp-identifiers (list)
--cli-input-json string
--generate-cli-skeleton string
```

Use this map of provider details:

```
{
  "client_id": "string",
  "client_secret": "string",
  "authorize_scopes": "string",
  "attributes_request_method": "string",
  "oidc_issuer": "string",
  "authorize_url": "string",
  "token_url": "string",
  "attributes_url": "string",
  "jwks_uri": "string"
}
```

# Step 3: Test Your OIDC IdP Configuration

You can create the authorization URL by using the elements from the previous two sections, and using them to test your OIDC IdP configuration.

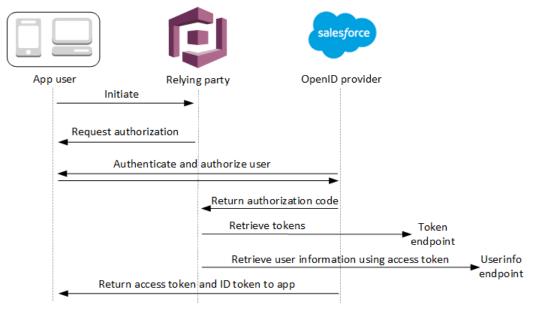
```
https://<your_user_pool_domain>/oauth2/authorize?
response_type=code&client_id=<your_client_id>&redirect_uri=https://www.example.com
```

You can find your domain on the user pool **Domain name** console page. The client\_id is on the **App client settings** page. Use your callback URL for the **redirect\_uri** parameter. This is the URL of the page where your user will be redirected after a successful authentication.

#### OIDC User Pool IdP Authentication Flow

When your user signs in to your application using an OIDC IdP, this is the authentication flow.

- 1. Your user lands on the Amazon Cognito built-in sign-in page, and is offered the option to sign in through an OIDC IdP such as Salesforce.
- 2. Your user is redirected to the OIDC IdP's authorization endpoint.
- 3. After your user is authenticated, the OIDC IdP redirects to Amazon Cognito with an authorization code.
- 4. Amazon Cognito exchanges the authorization code with the OIDC IdP for an access token.
- 5. Amazon Cognito creates or updates the user account in your user pool.
- 6. Amazon Cognito issues your application bearer tokens, which might include identity, access, and refresh tokens.



#### Note

Requests that are not completed within 5 minutes will be cancelled, redirected to the login page, and then display a Something went wrong error message.

OIDC is an identity layer on top of OAuth 2.0, which specifies JSON-formatted (JWT) identity tokens that are issued by IdPs to OIDC client apps (relying parties). See the documentation for your OIDC IdP for information about to add Amazon Cognito as an OIDC relying party.

When a user authenticates, the user pool returns ID, access, and refresh tokens. The ID token is a standard OIDC token for identity management, and the access token is a standard OAuth 2.0 token.

# Specifying Identity Provider Attribute Mappings for Your User Pool

You can use the AWS Management Console, or the AWS CLI or API, to specify attribute mappings for your user pool's identity providers.

# Requirements

Remember the following requirements when you map user pool attributes to identity pool attributes:

• A mapping must be present for each user pool attribute that's required when a user signs in to your application. For example, if your user pool requires an email attribute for sign-in, map this attribute to its equivalent from the identity provider.

- For each mapped user pool attribute, the maximum value length (2048 characters) must be large enough for the value that Amazon Cognito obtains from the identity provider. Otherwise, Amazon Cognito throws an error when users sign in to your application. If you map a custom attribute to an identity provider token, set the length to 2048 characters.
- The username user pools attribute must be mapped only to specific attributes for the following identity providers:

Identity Provider	Attribute to Map to username
Facebook	id
Google	sub
Login with Amazon	user_id
OpenID Connect (OIDC) providers	sub

- Amazon Cognito must be able to update your mapped user pool attributes when users sign in to
  your application. When a user signs in through an identity provider, Amazon Cognito updates the
  mapped attributes with the latest information from the identity provider. Amazon Cognito updates
  each mapped attribute, even if its current value already matches the latest information. If Amazon
  Cognito can't update the attribute, it throws an error. To ensure that Amazon Cognito can update the
  attributes, check the following requirements:
  - The mapped user pool attributes must be mutable. Mutable attributes can be updated by app
    clients that have write permissions for those attributes. You can set user pool attributes as mutable
    when you define them in the Amazon Cognito console. Or, if you create your user pool by using the
    CreateUserPool API operation, you can set the Mutable parameter for each of these attributes to
    true.
  - In the app client settings for your application, the mapped attributes must be writable. You can set which attributes are writable in the **App clients** page in the Amazon Cognito console. Or, if you create the app client by using the CreateUserPoolClient API operation, you can add these attributes to the WriteAttributes array.

# Specifying Identity Provider Attribute Mappings for Your User Pool (AWS Management Console)

You can use the AWS Management Console to specify attribute mappings for your user pool's identity providers.

#### To specify a social identity provider attribute mapping

- 1. Sign in to the Amazon Cognito console.
- 2. In the navigation pane, choose Manage your User Pools, and choose the user pool you want to edit.
- 3. Choose the Attribute mapping tab.
- 4. Choose the **Facebook**, **Google**, or **Amazon** tab.
- 5. For each attribute you need to map, perform the following steps:
  - a. Select the Capture check box.
  - b. For **User pool attribute**, in the drop-down list, choose the user pool attribute you want to map to the social identity provider attribute.
  - c. If you need more attributes, choose **Add Facebook attribute** (or **Add Google attribute** or **Add Amazon attribute**) and perform the following steps:

- In the Facebook attribute (or Google attribute or Amazon attribute) field, enter the name of the attribute to be mapped.
- ii. In the **User pool attribute** field, choose the user pool attribute to map the social identity provider attribute to from the drop-down list.
- d. Choose Save changes.

#### To specify a SAML provider attribute mapping

- 1. Sign in to the Amazon Cognito console.
- 2. In the navigation pane, choose Manage your User Pools, and choose the user pool you want to edit.
- 3. Choose the Attribute mapping tab.
- 4. Choose the SAML tab.
- 5. Select the **Capture** box for all attributes for which you want to capture values. If you clear the **Capture** box for an attribute and save your changes, that attribute's mapping is removed.
- 6. Choose the identity provider from the drop-down list.
- 7. For each attribute you need to map, perform the following steps:
  - a. Choose Add SAML attribute.
  - b. In the SAML attribute field, enter the name of the SAML attribute to be mapped.
  - c. In the **User pool attribute** field, choose the user pool attribute to map the SAML attribute to from the drop-down list.
- 8. Choose Save changes.

# Specifying Identity Provider Attribute Mappings for Your User Pool (AWS CLI and AWS API)

Use the following commands to specify identity provider attribute mappings for your user pool.

#### To specify attribute mappings at provider creation time

• AWS CLI: aws cognito-idp create-identity-provider

Example with metadata file: aws cognito-idp create-identity-provider --user-pool-id <user\_pool\_id> --provider-name=SAML\_provider\_1 --provider-type SAML --provider-details file:///details.json --attribute-mapping email=http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/ws/2005/05/identity/claims/emailaddress

Where details.json contains:

```
{
    "MetadataFile": "<SAML metadata XML>"
}
```

#### Note

If the <SAML metadata XML> contains any quotations ("), they must be escaped (\").

Example with metadata URL: aws cognito-idp create-identity-provider --user-pool-id <user\_pool\_id> --provider-name=SAML\_provider\_1 --provider-type SAML --provider-details MetadataURL=<metadata\_url> --attribute-mapping email=http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/ws/2005/05/identity/claims/emailaddress

AWS API: CreateIdentityProvider

#### To specify attribute mappings for an existing identity provider

• AWS CLI: aws cognito-idp update-identity-provider

```
Example: aws cognito-idp update-identity-provider --user-pool-id <user_pool_id>
--provider-name provider_name> --attribute-mapping email=http://
schemas.xmlsoap.org/ws/2005/05/identity/claims/emailaddress
```

• AWS API: UpdateIdentityProvider

#### To get information about attribute mapping for a specific identity provider

• AWS CLI: aws cognito-idp describe-identity-provider

• AWS API: DescribeIdentityProvider

# Managing Security for Amazon Cognito User Pools

You can add multi-factor authentication (MFA) to a user pool to protect the identity of your users. MFA adds a second authentication method that doesn't rely solely on user name and password. You can choose to use SMS text messages, or time-based one-time (TOTP) passwords as second factors in signing in your users. You can also use adaptive authentication with its risk-based model to predict when you might need another authentication factor. It's part of the user pool advanced security features, which also include protections against compromised credentials.

#### **Topics**

- Adding Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) to a User Pool (p. 110)
- · Adding Advanced Security to a User Pool (p. 113)

# Adding Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) to a User Pool

Multi-factor authentication (MFA) increases security for your app by adding another authentication method, and not relying solely on user name and password. You can choose to use SMS text messages, or time-based one-time (TOTP) passwords as second factors in signing in your users.

With adaptive authentication, you can configure your user pool to require second factor authentication in response to an increased risk level. To add adaptive authentication to your user pool, see Adding Advanced Security to a User Pool (p. 113).

#### **Topics**

- Prerequisites (p. 110)
- Configuring Multi-Factor Authentication (p. 111)
- SMS Text Message MFA (p. 111)
- TOTP Software Token MFA (p. 112)

# Prerequisites

Before you begin, you need:

- You can only choose MFA as **Required** when you initially create a user pool.
- Phone numbers must be verified if MFA is enabled and **SMS text message** is chosen as a second factor.
- Advanced security features require that MFA is enabled, and set as optional in the Amazon Cognito
  user pool console. For more information, see Adding Advanced Security to a User Pool (p. 113).

# **Configuring Multi-Factor Authentication**

#### To configure MFA in the Amazon Cognito console

- 1. From the left navigation bar, choose MFA and verifications.
- Choose whether MFA is Off, Optional, or Required.

# Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) increases security for your end users. If you choose 'optional', individual users can have MFA et a user pool, and if you do, all users must use MFA. Phone numbers must be verified if MFA is enabled. You can configure adaptive based on risk scoring of user sign in attempts. Learn more about multi-factor authentication. \*\*Note: separate charges apply for sending text messages.\*\* | Off | Optional | Required | | Which second factors do you want to enally your users will be able to configured and choose any of the factors you enabled. You must will be able to send SMS text message. | Important: In order to send SMS messages to users to verify phone numbers or for MFA you must request a spending the separate charges may apply for sending SMS text messages. See the Worldwide SMS pricing page for more details. | Time-based One-time Password

- Choose Optional to enable MFA on a per-user basis, or if you are using the risk-based adaptive authentication. For more information on adaptive authentication, see Adding Advanced Security to a User Pool (p. 113).
- 4. Your users can use **SMS text message** or **Time-based One-time Password** as a second factor. Choose which second factors to support in your app. We recommend using TOTP for second factor. This allows SMS to be used as a password recovery mechanism which is disjoint from an authentication factor.
- 5. If you're using SMS text messages as a second factor and you don't have an IAM role defined with this permission, then you can create one in the console. Choose **Create role** to create an IAM role to allow Amazon Cognito to send SMS messages to your users on your behalf. For more information, see IAM Roles.
- 6. Choose Save changes.

# SMS Text Message MFA

When a user signs in with MFA turned on, they first enter and submit their user name and password. The client app receives a getMFA response that indicates where the authorization code was sent. The client app should indicate to the user where to look for the code (such as which phone number the code was

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sent to), provide a form for entering the code, and then submit the code to complete the sign-in process. The destination is masked (only the last 4 digits of the phone number are displayed). If an app is using the Amazon Cognito hosted UI, it shows a page for the user to enter the MFA code.

The SMS text message authorization code is valid for 3 minutes.

If a user no longer has access to their device where the SMS text message MFA codes are sent, they must request help from your customer service office. An administrator with necessary AWS account permissions can change the user's phone number, but only through the AWS CLI or the API.

When a user successfully goes through the SMS text message MFA flow, their phone number is also marked as verified.

#### Note

SMS for MFA is charged separately. (There is no charge for sending verification codes to email addresses.) For information about Amazon SNS pricing, see Worldwide SMS Pricing. For the current list of countries where SMS messaging is available, see Supported Regions and Countries.

#### **Important**

To ensure that SMS messages are sent to verify phone numbers and for SMS text message MFA, you must request an increased spend limit from Amazon SNS.

Amazon Cognito uses Amazon SNS for sending SMS messages to users. The number of SMS messages Amazon SNS delivers is subject to spend limits. Spend limits can be specified for an AWS account and for individual messages, and the limits apply only to the cost of sending SMS messages.

The default spend limit per account (if not specified) is 1.00 USD per month. If you want to raise the limit, submit an SNS Limit Increase case in the AWS Support Center. For **New limit value**, enter your desired monthly spend limit. In the **Use Case Description** field, explain that you're requesting an SMS monthly spend limit increase.

To add MFA to your user pool, see Adding Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) to a User Pool (p. 110).

#### **TOTP Software Token MFA**

Your user is challenged to complete authentication using a time-based one-time (TOTP) password after their user name and password have been verified when TOTP software token MFA is enabled. If your app is using the Amazon Cognito hosted UI to sign in users, the UI shows a second page for your user to enter the TOTP password after they submit their user name and password.

You can enable TOTP MFA for your user pool in the Amazon Cognito console, through the Amazon Cognito hosted UI, or using Amazon Cognito APIs. At the user pool level, you can configure MFA and enable TOTP MFA by calling SetUserPoolMfaConfig.

#### Note

If TOTP software token MFA isn't enabled for the user pool, users can't associate or verify with the token. They receive a SoftwareTokenMFANotFoundException exception, as follows: "Software Token MFA has not been enabled by the userPool."

Configuring TOTP for your user is a multi-step process where your user receives a secret code that they validate by entering a one-time password. Next, you can enable TOTP MFA for your user or set TOTP as the preferred MFA method for your user.

To add MFA to your user pool, see Adding Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) to a User Pool (p. 110).

#### Associate the TOTP Token

1. When your user chooses TOTP software token MFA, call AssociateSoftwareToken to return a unique generated shared secret key code for the user account. The request for this API method takes an access token or a session string, but not both. As a convenience, you can distribute the secret key as a quick response (QR) code.

- 2. The key code or QR code appears on your app and your user needs to enter it into a TOTP-generating app such as Google Authenticator.
- Your user enters the key code into the TOTP-generating app to associate a new account with your client app.

#### Verify the TOTP Token

- 1. After a new TOTP account is associated with your app, it generates a temporary password.
- Your user enters the temporary password into your app, which responds with a call to VerifySoftwareToken. On the Amazon Cognito service server, a TOTP code is generated and compared with your user's temporary password. If they match, then the service marks it as verified.
- 3. If the code is correct, check that the time used is in the range and within the maximum number of retries. If your user passes all of the steps, the verification is complete.

Or, if the code is wrong, the verification cannot be finished and your user can either try again or cancel. We recommend that your user sync the time of their TOTP-generating app.

#### Sign in with TOTP MFA

- 1. Your user enters their user name and password to sign in to your client app.
- 2. The TOTP MFA challenge is invoked and your user is prompted by your app to enter a temporary password.
- 3. Your user gets the temporary password from an associated TOTP-generating app.
- 4. Your user enters the TOTP code into your client app. Your app notifies the Amazon Cognito service to verify it. For each sign-in, RespondToAuthChallenge should be called to get a response to the new TOTP authentication challenge.
- 5. If the token is verified by Amazon Cognito, the sign-in is successful and your user continues with the authentication flow.

#### Remove the TOTP Token

- 1. Your app should allow your user to remove the TOTP token.
- 2. Your client app should ask your user to enter their password.
- 3. If the password is correct, remove the TOTP token.

#### Note

A delete TOTP software token operation is not currently available in the API. This functionality is planned for a future release. Use SetUserMFAPreference to disable TOTP MFA for an individual user.

# Adding Advanced Security to a User Pool

After you create your user pool, you have access to **Advanced security** on the navigation bar in the Amazon Cognito console. You can turn the user pool advanced security features on, and customize the actions that are taken in response to different risks. Or you can use audit mode to gather metrics on detected risks without taking action. In audit mode, the advanced security features publishes metrics to Amazon CloudWatch. See Viewing Advanced Security Metrics (p. 119).

#### Note

Additional pricing applies for Amazon Cognito advanced security features. See the Amazon Cognito pricing page.

#### **Topics**

- Prerequisites (p. 114)
- Configuring Advanced Security Features (p. 114)
- Checking for Compromised Credentials (p. 116)
- Using Adaptive Authentication (p. 116)
- Viewing Advanced Security Metrics (p. 119)
- Enabling User Pool Advanced Security from Your App (p. 120)

# **Prerequisites**

Before you begin, you need:

- A user pool with an app client. For more information, see Getting Started with User Pools (p. 14).
- Set multi-factor authentication (MFA) to **Optional** in the Amazon Cognito console to use the risk-based adaptive authentication feature. For more information, see Adding Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) to a User Pool (p. 110).
- If you're using email for notifications, go to the Amazon SES console to configure and verify an email address or domain to use with your notification emails. For more information about Amazon SES, see Verifying Identities in Amazon SES.

# **Configuring Advanced Security Features**

#### To configure advanced security for a user pool

- 1. From the left navigation bar, choose **Advanced security**.
- 2. For **Do you want to enable advanced security features for this user pool?**, choose **Yes** to enable advanced security. Or choose **Audit only** to gather information, and send user pool data to Amazon CloudWatch.
  - We recommend keeping the advanced security features in audit mode for two weeks before enabling actions. This allows Amazon Cognito to learn the usage patterns of your app users.
- 3. From the drop-down list, choose **What app client do you want to customize settings for?**. The default is to leave your settings as global for all app clients.
- 4. For Which action do you want to take with the compromised credentials?, choose Allow or Block use.
- 5. Choose **Customize when compromised credentials are blocked** to select which events should trigger compromised credentials checks:
  - Sign-in
  - Sign-up
  - · Password change
- 6. Choose how to respond to malicious sign-in attempts under **How do you want to use adaptive authentication for sign-in attempts rated as low, medium and high risk?**. You can allow or block the sign-in attempt, or require additional challenges before allowing the sign-in.

To send email notifications when anomalous sign-in attempts are detected, choose **Notify users**.

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# How do you want to use adaptive authentication for sign-in attempts rated as low, medium and h You can use adaptive authentication to add protections against sign-in attempts that are rated as higher risk such as coming from a adaptive authentication. Allow **Optional MFA** Require MFA Block **Notify users** Low risk 0 Medium risk ~ High risk ~ Choosing allow will still log all attempted sign-ins rated as higher risk to AWS Cloudwatch. If you chose **Notify users** in the previous step, then you can customize the email notification messages by using the Notification message customization form: Notification message customization Customize the email user notification messages sent to users after sign-in attempts with risks detected. Enter your settings below for I (SES). **SES Region** US East (Virginia) Source ARN arn:aws:ses:us-east-1:123456789012:identity/janedoe@example.com You must verify your email address with Amazon SES before you can select it. Verify an SES identity FROM email address example@example.com **REPLY-TO email address** example@example.com

8. Choose **Customize** to customize adaptive authentication notifications with both HTML and plaintext email versions. To learn more about email templates, see Message Templates (p. 215).

Adaptive authentication notification messages Customize...

- 9. Type any IP addresses that you want to **Always allow**, or **Always block**, regardless of the advanced security risk assessment. Specify the IP address ranges in CIDR notation (e.g., 192.168.100.0/24).
- 10. Choose Save changes.

# **Checking for Compromised Credentials**

Amazon Cognito can detect if a user's credentials (user name and password) have been compromised elsewhere. This can happen when users reuse credentials at more than one site, or when they use passwords that are easy to guess.

From the **Advanced security** page in the Amazon Cognito console, you can choose whether to allow, or block the user if compromised credentials are detected. Blocking requires users to choose another password. Choosing **Allow** publishes all attempted uses of compromised credentials to Amazon CloudWatch. For more information, see Viewing Advanced Security Metrics (p. 119).

You can also choose whether Amazon Cognito checks for compromised credentials during sign-in, sign-up, and password changes.

Which action do you want to take with the compromised credentials?
You can detect and protect your users from using credentials that have been exposed through breaches of other websites. Learn mo
○ Allow
Blocking use will require users to choose a different password. Choosing allow will still log all attempted uses of compromised credentials to AWS Cloudwatch.
Which events should trigger compromised credentials checks?  ✓ Sign in ✓ Sign up ✓ Password change
At least one event must be selected.

#### Note

Currently, Amazon Cognito doesn't check for compromised credentials for sign-in operations with Secure Remote Password (SRP) flow, which doesn't send the password during sign-in. Signins that use the AdminInitiateAuth API with ADMIN\_NO\_SRP\_AUTH flow and the InitiateAuth API with USER\_PASSWORD\_AUTH flow are checked for compromised credentials.

To add compromised credentials protections to your user pool, see Adding Advanced Security to a User Pool (p. 113).

# **Using Adaptive Authentication**

With adaptive authentication you can configure your user pool to block suspicious sign-ins, or require second factor authentication in response to an increased risk level. For each sign-in attempt, Amazon Cognito generates a risk score for how likely the sign-in request is to be from a compromised source. This risk score is based on many factors, including whether it detects a new device, user location, or IP address.

Amazon Cognito publishes sign-in attempts, their risk levels, and failed challenges to Amazon CloudWatch. For more information, see Viewing Advanced Security Metrics (p. 119).

To add adaptive authentication to your user pool, see Adding Advanced Security to a User Pool (p. 113).

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#### Adaptive Authentication Overview

From the **Advanced security** page in the Amazon Cognito console, you can choose settings for adaptive authentication, including what actions to take at different risk levels and customization of notification messages to users.

#### For each risk level, you can choose from the following options:

Option	Action
Allow	The sign-in attempt is allowed without an additional factor.
Optional MFA	Users who have MFA configured are required to complete a second factor challenge to sign in. Users who don't have MFA configured are allowed to sign in without an additional factor.
Require MFA	Users who have MFA configured are required to complete a second factor challenge to sign in. Users who don't have MFA configured are blocked from signing in.
Block	All sign-in attempts at that risk level are blocked.

#### **Creating a Device Fingerprint**

When you call the Amazon Cognito authentication APIs, such as AdminInitiateAuth or AdminRespondToAuthChallenge from your server, you need to pass the source IP of the user in the ContextData parameter. This is in addition to your server name, server path, and encoded-device fingerprinting data, which are collected by using the Amazon Cognito context data collection library.

For information on enabling advanced security from your web or mobile app, see Enabling User Pool Advanced Security from Your App (p. 120).

Collect user context data from the client side when your app is calling Amazon Cognito from your server. The following is an example that uses the JavaScript SDK method getData.

var encodedData = AmazonCognitoAdvancedSecurityData.getData(username, userPoolId, clientId);

#### Note

We recommend incorporating the latest Amazon Cognito SDK into your app. This enables adaptive authentication to collect device fingerprinting information—such as device ID, model, and time zone. For more information about Amazon Cognito SDKs, see Install a user pool SDK.

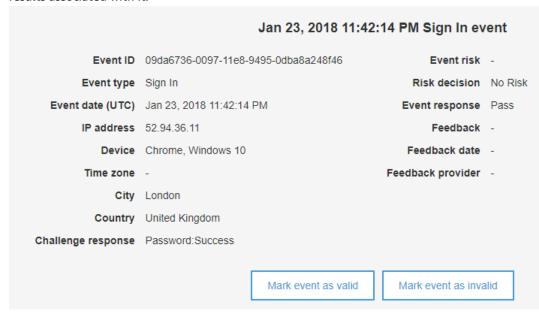
#### Viewing User Event History

You can choose a user in the Amazon Cognito console from **Users and groups** to see the sign-in history for that user. User event history is retained for two years by Amazon Cognito.

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Date (UTC)	Event	Result	Risk level	Risk decision	Challenge	IP	Device
Jan 23, 2018 11:43:05 PM	Sign In	Pass	-	No Risk	Password:Success	52.94.36.11	Chrome, Windows 10
Jan 23, 2018 11:42:14 PM	Sign In	Pass	-	No Risk	Password:Success	52.94.36.11	Chrome, Windows 10
Jan 18, 2018 9:21:21 PM	Sign In	Fail	High	Account Takeover	Password:Success	67.132.130.174	Chrome I Mobile, Androi Mobile
Jan 18, 2018 9:20:28 PM	Sign In	In Progress	High	Account Takeover	Password:Success	67.132.130.174	Chrome I Mobile, Androi Mobile
Jan 18, 2018 9:18:18 PM	Sign In	Pass	-	No Risk	Password:Success	67.132.130.174	Chrome I Mobile, Androi Mobile

Each sign-in event has an event ID, context data such as location, device details, and risk detection results associated with it.



You can correlate the event id to the token issued as well. The issued token, such as the ID token and access token, carries this event ID in its payload. Even using the refresh token persists the original event ID. The original event ID can be traced back to the event ID of the sign-in event that resulted in issuing the Amazon Cognito tokens. This enables you to trace usage of a token within your system to a particular authentication event.

#### **Providing Event Feedback**

Event feedback affects risk evaluation in real time, and improves the risk evaluation algorithm over time. You can provide feedback on the validity of sign-in attempts through the Amazon Cognito console and APIs.

In the console, on the **Users and groups** tab, the sign-in history is listed, and if you click an entry, you can mark the event as valid or invalid. You can also provide feedback through the user pool API method AdminUpdateAuthEventFeedback, and through the AWS CLI command admin-update-auth-event-feedback.

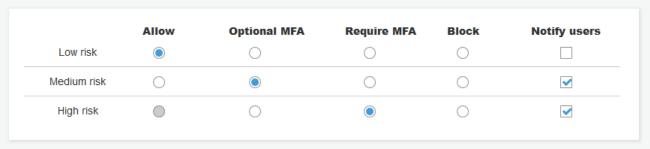
#### **Sending Notification Messages**

With advanced security protections, Amazon Cognito can notify your users of sign-in attempts, prompt them to click links to indicate if the sign-in was valid or invalid, and use their feedback to improve the risk detection accuracy for your user pool.

In the How do you want to use adaptive authentication for sign-in attempts rated as low, medium and high risk? section choose Notify Users for the low, medium, and high-risk cases.

#### How do you want to use adaptive authentication for sign-in attempts rated as low, medium and high

You can use adaptive authentication to add protections against sign-in attempts that are rated as higher risk such as coming from an unradaptive authentication.



Choosing allow will still log all attempted sign-ins rated as higher risk to AWS Cloudwatch.

You can customize notification emails, and provide both plaintext and HTML versions. Choose **Customize** from **Adaptive authentication notification messages** to customize your email notifications. To learn more about email templates, see Message Templates (p. 215).

# Viewing Advanced Security Metrics

Amazon Cognito publishes metrics for advanced security features to your account in Amazon CloudWatch. The advanced security metrics are grouped together by risk level and also by request level.

#### To view metrics by using the CloudWatch console

- 1. Open the CloudWatch console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/cloudwatch/.
- 2. In the navigation pane, choose **Metrics**.
- 3. Choose Amazon Cognito.
- 4. Choose a group of aggregated metrics, such as **By Risk Classification**.
- 5. The All metrics tab displays all metrics for that choice. You can do the following:
  - To sort the table, use the column heading.
  - To graph a metric, select the check box next to the metric. To select all metrics, select the check box in the heading row of the table.

- To filter by resource, choose the resource ID, and then choose Add to search.
- To filter by metric, choose the metric name, and then choose Add to search.

Metric	Description	Metric Dimensions
CompromisedCredentialsRisk	Requests where Amazon Cognito detected compromised credentials.	Operation: The type of operation such as PasswordChange, SignIn, or SignUp.  UserPoolld: The identifier of the user pool.
		RiskLevel: high (default), medium, or low.
AccountTakeOverRisk	Requests where Amazon Cognito detected account take-over risk.	RiskLevel: high, medium, or low.
OverrideBlock	Requests that Amazon Cognito blocked because of the configuration provided by the developer.	RiskLevel: high (default), medium, or low.
Risk	Requests that Amazon Cognito marked as risky.	Operation: The type of operation such as PasswordChange, SignIn, or SignUp.  UserPoolld: The identifier of the user pool.
NoRisk	Requests where Amazon Cognito did not identify any risk.	Operation: The type of operation such as PasswordChange, SignIn, or SignUp.  UserPoolld: The identifier of the user pool.

Amazon Cognito offers you two predefined groups of metrics for ready analysis in CloudWatch. **By Risk Classification** identifies the granularity of the risk level for requests that Amazon Cognito identified as risky, and the **By Request Classification** reflects metrics aggregated by request level.

Aggregated Metrics Group	Description	
By Risk Classification	Requests that Amazon Cognito identified as risky.	
By Request Classification	Metrics aggregated by request.	

# Enabling User Pool Advanced Security from Your App

After you configure the advanced security features for your user pool, you need to enable them in your web or mobile app.

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For more information about adding a web or mobile app to Amazon Cognito, see Adding a Web or Mobile App to Amazon Cognito User Pools (p. 23).

#### To use advanced security with JavaScript

- 1. You might need to update your Amazon Cognito SDK to the latest version. For more information about Amazon Cognito SDKs, see Install a user pool SDK.
- 2. To use the Auth SDK to enable the hosted UI, see the CognitoAuth JavaScript sample app.
- 3. Set AdvancedSecurityDataCollectionFlag to true. Also, set UserPoolId to your user pool ID.
- 4. In your application replace <region> with your AWS region such as us-east-1, and add this source reference to your JavaScript file:

<script src="https://amazon-cognito-assets.<region>.amazoncognito.com/amazon-cognitoadvanced-security-data.min.js"></script>

For more information, see Sample for Amazon Cognito Auth SDK for JavaScript.

#### To use advanced security with Android

- 1. You might need to update your Amazon Cognito SDK to the latest version. For more information about Amazon Cognito SDKs, see Install a user pool SDK.
- 2. To use the Auth SDK to enable the hosted UI, see the CognitoAuth Android sample app.
- 3. Use { transitive = true; } while importing aws-android-sdk-cognitoauth via maven in gradle.

Include this as a dependency in your build.gradle file:

compile "com.amazonaws:aws-android-sdk-cognitoidentityprovider-asf:1.0.0"

For more information, see AWS SDK for Android - Amazon Cognito Identity Provider ASF.

#### To use advanced security with iOS

- 1. You might need to update your Amazon Cognito SDK to the latest version. For more information about Amazon Cognito SDKs, see Install a user pool SDK.
- 2. To use the Auth SDK to enable the hosted UI, see the CognitoAuth iOS sample app.
- 3. To configure the Auth SDK by using Info.plist, add the PoolIdForEnablingASF key to your Amazon Cognito user pool configuration, and set it to your user pool ID.

To configure the Auth SDK using AWSCognitoAuthConfiguration, use this initializer and specify your user pool ID as userPoolIdForEnablingASF.

For more information, see AWSCognitoIdentityProviderASF.

# Customizing User Pool Workflows with Lambda Triggers

You can create an AWS Lambda function and then trigger that function during user pool operations such as user sign-up, confirmation, and sign-in (authentication) with a Lambda trigger. You can add authentication challenges, migrate users, and customize verification messages.

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The following table summarizes some of the customizations that can be made:

User Pool Flow	Operation	Description
Custom Authentication Flow	Define Auth Challenge	Determines the next challenge in a custom auth flow
	Create Auth Challenge	Creates a challenge in a custom auth flow
	Verify Auth Challenge Response	Determines if a response is correct in a custom auth flow
Authentication Events	the section called "Pre Authentication Lambda Trigger" (p. 134)	Custom validation to accept or deny the sign-in request
	the section called "Post Authentication Lambda Trigger" (p. 137)	Event logging for custom analytics
	the section called "Pre Token Generation Lambda Trigger" (p. 148)	Augment or suppress token claims
Sign-Up	the section called "Pre Sign-up Lambda Trigger" (p. 126)	Custom validation to accept or deny the sign-up request
	the section called "Post Confirmation Lambda Trigger" (p. 131)	Custom welcome messages or event logging for custom analytics
	the section called "Migrate User Lambda Trigger" (p. 152)	Migrate a user from an existing user directory to user pools
Messages	the section called "Custom Message Lambda Trigger" (p. 155)	Advanced customization and localization of messages
Token Creation	the section called "Pre Token Generation Lambda Trigger" (p. 148)	Add or remove attributes in Id tokens

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- Custom Message Lambda Trigger (p. 155)

# **Important Considerations**

The following information is important to consider before you start working with Lambda functions:

- Amazon Cognito invokes Lambda functions synchronously. When called, your Lambda function
  must respond within 5 seconds. If it does not, Amazon Cognito retries the call. After 3 unsuccessful
  attempts, the function times out. This 5-second timeout value cannot be changed. For more
  information see the Lambda programming model.
- If you delete an AWS Lambda trigger, you must update the corresponding trigger in the user pool. For example, if you delete the post authentication trigger, you must set the **Post authentication** trigger in the corresponding user pool to **none**.
- Errors thrown by Lambda triggers will be visible directly to your end users if they are using Amazon
  Cognito Hosted UI as query parameters in the Callback URL. As a recommended best practice, end user
  facing errors should be thrown from the Lambda triggers and any sensitive or debugging information
  should be logged in the Lambda trigger itself.

# Adding a User Pool Lambda Trigger

#### To add a user pool Lambda trigger with the console

- Create a Lambda function using the Lambda console. For more information on Lambda functions, see the AWS Lambda Developer Guide.
- Navigate to the Amazon Cognito console, choose Manage User Pools.
- Choose an existing user pool from the list, or create a user pool.
- 4. In your user pool, choose the **Triggers** tab from the navigation bar.
- 5. Choose a Lambda trigger such as **Pre sign-up** or **Pre authentication** and choose your Lambda function from the **Lambda function** drop-down list.
- 6. Choose Save changes.
- 7. You can log your Lambda function using CloudWatch in the Lambda console. For more information see Accessing CloudWatch Logs for Lambda.

# User Pool Lambda Trigger Event

Amazon Cognito passes event information to your Lambda function which returns the same event object back to Amazon Cognito with any changes in the response. This event shows the Lambda trigger common parameters:

JSON

```
"version": number,
  "triggerSource": "string",
  "region": AWSRegion,
  "userPoolId": "string",
  "userName": "string",
  "callerContext":
    {
```

# **User Pool Lambda Trigger Common Parameters**

#### version

The version number of your Lambda function.

#### triggerSource

The name of the event that triggered the Lambda function. For a description of each triggerSource see User Pool Lambda Trigger Sources (p. 124).

#### region

The AWS Region, as an AWSRegion instance.

#### userPoolId

The user pool ID for the user pool.

#### userName

The username of the current user.

#### callerContext

The caller context, which consists of the following:

#### awsSdkVersion

The AWS SDK version number.

#### clientId

The ID of the client associated with the user pool.

#### request

The request from the Amazon Cognito service. This request must include:

#### userAttributes

One or more pairs of user attribute names and values. Each pair is in the form "name": "value".

#### response

The response from your Lambda trigger. The return parameters in the response depend on the triggering event.

# **User Pool Lambda Trigger Sources**

This section describes each Amazon Cognito Lambda triggerSource parameter, and its triggering event.

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## Sign-up, confirmation, and sign-in (authentication) triggers

Trigger	triggerSource value	Triggering event
Pre sign-up	PreSignUp_SignUp	Pre sign-up.
Pre sign-up	PreSignUp_AdminCreateUser	Pre sign-up when an admin creates a new user.
Post confirmation	PostConfirmation_ConfirmSi	<del>്വീത്</del> ത sign-up confirmation.
Post confirmation	PostConfirmation_ConfirmFo	சிரை Fergotchassword confirmation.
Pre authentication	PreAuthentication_Authenti	dare izonthentication.
Post authentication	PostAuthentication_Authent	iRost authentication.

## Custom authentication challenge triggers

Trigger	triggerSource value	Triggering event
Define auth challenge	DefineAuthChallenge_Auther	tDefirtei.Auth Challenge.
Create auth challenge	CreateAuthChallenge_Auther	tGreatei.Auth Challenge.
Verify auth challenge	VerifyAuthChallengeRespons	e <u>Ve</u> rify:Marth:iChaillieonge Response.

## Pre token generation triggers

Trigger	triggerSource value	Triggering event
Pre token generation	TokenGeneration_HostedAuth	Called during authentication from the Amazon Cognito hosted UI sign-in page.
Pre token generation	TokenGeneration_Authentica	tCabled after user authentication flows have completed.
Pre token generation	TokenGeneration_NewPasswor	िर्मिष्टिमीर्बिक्टिस्सिं user is created by an admin. This flow is invoked when the user has to change a temporary password.
Pre token generation	TokenGeneration_Authentica	tவிஜிiatethe end of the authentication of a user device.
Pre token generation	TokenGeneration_RefreshTok	establed when a user tries to refresh the identity and access tokens.

## Migrate user triggers

Trigger	triggerSource value	Triggering event
User migration	UserMigration_Authenticati	duser migration at the time of sign in.

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Trigger	triggerSource value	Triggering event
User migration	UserMigration_ForgotPasswo	ત્રીકિક migration during the forgot-password flow.

#### **Custom message triggers**

Trigger	triggerSource value	Triggering event
Custom message	CustomMessage_SignUp	Custom message – To send the confirmation code post sign-up.
Custom message	CustomMessage_AdminCreateU	ട്ഷേstom message – To send the temporary password to a new user.
Custom message	CustomMessage_ResendCode	Custom message – To resend the confirmation code to an existing user.
Custom message	CustomMessage_ForgotPasswo	ഷ്ടിstom message – To send the confirmation code for Forgot Password request.
Custom message	CustomMessage_UpdateUserAt	tGuisbortemessage – When a user's email or phone number is changed, this trigger sends a verification code automatically to the user. Cannot be used for other attributes.
Custom message	CustomMessage_VerifyUserAt	trisbornemessage – This trigger sends a verification code to the user when they manually request it for a new email or phone number.
Custom message	CustomMessage_Authenticati	Gustom message – To send MFA code during authentication.

# Pre Sign-up Lambda Trigger

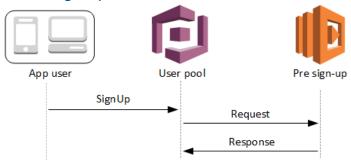
The pre sign-up Lambda function is triggered just before Amazon Cognito signs up a new user. It allows you to perform custom validation to accept or deny the registration request as part of the sign-up process.

#### **Topics**

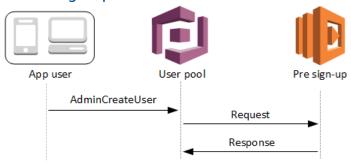
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# Pre Sign-up Lambda Flows

## Client Sign-up Flow



#### Server Sign-up Flow



The request includes validation data from the client which comes from the ValidationData values passed to the user pool SignUp and AdminCreateUser API methods.

# Pre Sign-up Lambda Trigger Parameters

These are the parameters required by this Lambda function in addition to the common parameters.

**JSON** 

#### Pre Sign-up Request Parameters

#### userAttributes

One or more name-value pairs representing user attributes. The attribute names are the keys.

#### validationData

One or more name-value pairs containing the validation data in the request to register a user. The validation data is set and then passed from the client in the request to register a user.

#### Pre Sign-up Response Parameters

In the response, you can set autoConfirmUser to true if you want to auto-confirm the user. You can set autoVerifyEmail to true to auto-verify the user's email. You can set autoVerifyPhone to true to auto-verify the user's phone number.

#### autoConfirmUser

Set to true to auto-confirm the user, or false otherwise.

#### autoVerifyEmail

Set to true to set as verified the email of a user who is signing up, or false otherwise. If autoVerifyEmail is set to true, the email attribute must have a valid, non-null value. Otherwise an error will occur and the user will not be able to complete sign-up.

If the email attribute is selected as an alias, an alias will be created for the user's email when autoVerifyEmail is set. If an alias with that email already exists, the alias will be moved to the new user and the previous user's email will be marked as unverified. For more information, see Overview of Aliases (p. 209).

#### autoVerifyPhone

Set to true to set as verified the phone number of a user who is signing up, or false otherwise. If autoVerifyPhone is set to true, the phone\_number attribute must have a valid, non-null value. Otherwise an error will occur and the user will not be able to complete sign-up.

If the phone\_number attribute is selected as an alias, an alias will be created for the user's phone number when autoVerifyPhone is set. If an alias with that phone number already exists, the alias will be moved to the new user and the previous user's phone number will be marked as unverified. For more information, see Overview of Aliases (p. 209).

# Sign-up Tutorials

The pre sign-up Lambda function is triggered before user sign-up. See these Amazon Cognito sign-up tutorials for JavaScript, Android, and iOS.

Platform	Tutorial
JavaScript Identity SDK	Sign up users with JavaScript
Android Identity SDK	Sign up users with Android
iOS Identity SDK	Sign up users with iOS

# Pre Sign-up Example: Auto-Confirm Users from a Registered Domain

With the pre sign-up Lambda trigger, You can add custom logic to validate new users signing up for your user pool. This is a sample JavaScript program that demonstrates how to sign up a new user. It will invoke a pre sign-up Lambda trigger as part of the authentication.

JavaScript

```
var attributeList = [];
var dataEmail = {
    Name : 'email',
    Value : '...' // your email here
};
var dataPhoneNumber = {
   Name : 'phone_number',
    Value : '...' // your phone number here with +country code and no delimiters in
front
};
var dataEmailDomain = {
   Name: "custom:domain",
    Value: "example.com"
var attributeEmail =
new AmazonCognitoIdentity.CognitoUserAttribute(dataEmail);
var attributePhoneNumber =
new AmazonCognitoIdentity.CognitoUserAttribute(dataPhoneNumber);
var attributeEmailDomain =
new AmazonCognitoIdentity.CognitoUserAttribute(dataEmailDomain);
attributeList.push(attributeEmail);
attributeList.push(attributePhoneNumber);
attributeList.push(attributeEmailDomain);
var cognitoUser;
userPool.signUp('username', 'password', attributeList, null, function(err, result){
    if (err) {
        alert(err);
        return;
    cognitoUser = result.user;
    console.log('user name is ' + cognitoUser.getUsername());
});
```

This is a sample Lambda trigger called just before sign-up with the user pool pre sign-up Lambda trigger. It uses a custom attribute **custom:domain** to automatically confirm new users from a particular email domain. Any new users not in the custom domain will be added to the user pool, but not automatically confirmed.

Node.js

```
exports.handler = (event, context, callback) => {
    // Set the user pool autoConfirmUser flag after validating the email domain
    event.response.autoConfirmUser = false;

// Split the email address so we can compare domains
    var address = event.request.userAttributes.email.split("@")

// This example uses a custom attribute "custom:domain"
```

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```
if (event.request.userAttributes.hasOwnProperty("custom:domain")) {
    if ( event.request.userAttributes['custom:domain'] === address[1]) {
        event.response.autoConfirmUser = true;
    }
}

// Return to Amazon Cognito
    callback(null, event);
};
```

#### Python

Amazon Cognito passes event information to your Lambda function. The function then returns the same event object back to Amazon Cognito, with any changes in the response. In the Lambda console, you can set up a test event with data that's relevant to your Lambda trigger. The following is a test event for this code sample:

JSON

```
"request": {
    "userAttributes": {
        "email": "testuser@example.com",
        "custom:domain": "example.com"
    }
},
    "response": {}
}
```

# Pre Sign-up Example: Auto-Confirm and Auto-Verify all Users

This example confirms all users and sets the user's email and phone\_number attributes to verified if the attribute is present. Also, if aliasing is enabled, aliases will be created for phone\_number and email when auto-verify is set.

#### Note

If an alias with the same phone number already exists, the alias will be moved to the new user, and the previous user's phone\_number will be marked as unverified. The same is true for email addresses. To prevent this from happening, you can use the user pools ListUsers API to see if there is an existing user who is already using the new user's phone number or email address as an alias.

#### Node.js

```
exports.handler = (event, context, callback) => {

    // Confirm the user
        event.response.autoConfirmUser = true;

    // Set the email as verified if it is in the request
    if (event.request.userAttributes.hasOwnProperty("email")) {
        event.response.autoVerifyEmail = true;
    }

    // Set the phone number as verified if it is in the request
    if (event.request.userAttributes.hasOwnProperty("phone_number")) {
        event.response.autoVerifyPhone = true;
    }

    // Return to Amazon Cognito
    callback(null, event);
};
```

#### Python

```
def lambda_handler(event, context):
    # Confirm the user
    event['response']['autoConfirmUser'] = True

# Set the email as verified if it is in the request
if 'email' in event['request']['userAttributes']:
        event['response']['autoVerifyEmail'] = True

# Set the phone number as verified if it is in the request
if 'phone_number' in event['request']['userAttributes']:
        event['response']['autoVerifyPhone'] = True

# Return to Amazon Cognito
return event
```

Amazon Cognito passes event information to your Lambda function. The function then returns the same event object back to Amazon Cognito, with any changes in the response. In the Lambda console, you can set up a test event with data that's relevant to your Lambda trigger. The following is a test event for this code sample:

#### JSON

```
{
    "request": {
        "userAttributes": {
            "email": "user@example.com",
            "phone_number": "+12065550100"
        }
    },
    "response": {}
}
```

# Post Confirmation Lambda Trigger

Amazon Cognito invokes this trigger after a new user is confirmed, allowing you to send custom messages or to add custom logic. For example, you could use this trigger to gather new user data.

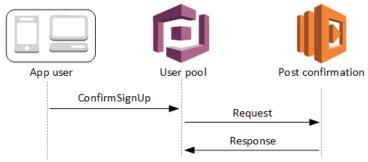
The request contains the current attributes for the confirmed user.

#### **Topics**

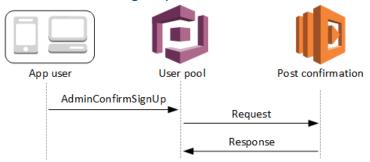
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#### Post Confirmation Lambda Flows

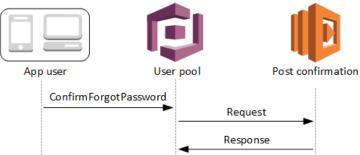
## Client Confirm Sign-up Flow



## Server Confirm Sign-up Flow



# **Confirm Forgot Password Flow**



# Post Confirmation Lambda Trigger Parameters

These are the parameters required by this Lambda function in addition to the common parameters.

**JSON** 

#### **Post Confirmation Request Parameters**

#### userAttributes

One or more name-value pairs representing user attributes.

#### **Post Confirmation Response Parameters**

No additional return information is expected in the response.

#### **User Confirmation Tutorials**

The post confirmation Lambda function is triggered just after Amazon Cognito confirms a new user. See these user confirmation tutorials for JavaScript, Android, and iOS.

Platform	Tutorial
JavaScript Identity SDK	Confirm users with JavaScript
Android Identity SDK	Confirm users with Android
iOS Identity SDK	Confirm users with iOS

# Post Confirmation Example

This example Lambda function sends a confirmation email message to your user using Amazon SES. For more information see Amazon Simple Email Service Developer Guide.

Node.js

```
});
    } else {
        // Nothing to do, the user's email ID is unknown
        callback(null, event);
    }
};
function sendEmail(to, body, completedCallback) {
    var eParams = {
        Destination: {
            ToAddresses: [to]
        Message: {
            Body: {
                Text: {
                    Data: body
            },
            Subject: {
                Data: "Cognito Identity Provider registration completed"
            }
        },
        // Replace source_email with your SES validated email address
        Source: "<source_email>"
    };
    var email = ses.sendEmail(eParams, function(err, data){
        if (err) {
            console.log(err);
        } else {
            console.log("===EMAIL SENT===");
        completedCallback('Email sent');
    });
    console.log("EMAIL CODE END");
};
```

Amazon Cognito passes event information to your Lambda function. The function then returns the same event object back to Amazon Cognito, with any changes in the response. In the Lambda console, you can set up a test event with data that's relevant to your Lambda trigger. The following is a test event for this code sample:

**JSON** 

# Pre Authentication Lambda Trigger

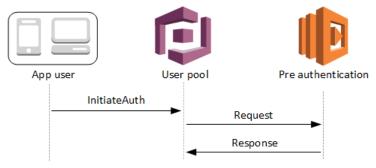
Amazon Cognito invokes this trigger when a user attempts to sign in, allowing custom validation to accept or deny the authentication request.

#### **Topics**

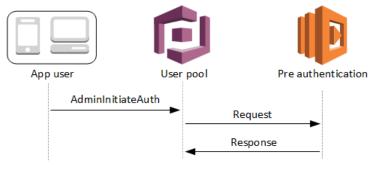
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#### Pre Authentication Lambda Flows

#### Client Authentication Flow



#### Server Authentication Flow



The request includes validation data from the client which comes from the ClientMetadata values passed to the user pool InitiateAuth and AdminInitiateAuth API methods.

For more information, see User Pool Authentication Flow (p. 192).

# Pre Authentication Lambda Trigger Parameters

These are the parameters required by this Lambda function in addition to the common parameters.

JSON

```
....
}

;

response": {}
}
```

#### **Pre Authentication Request Parameters**

#### userAttributes

One or more name-value pairs representing user attributes.

#### validationData

One or more key-value pairs containing the validation data in the user's sign-in request.

#### **Pre Authentication Response Parameters**

No additional return information is expected in the response.

#### **Authentication Tutorials**

The pre authentication Lambda function is triggered just before Amazon Cognito signs in a new user. See these sign-in tutorials for JavaScript, Android, and iOS.

Platform	Tutorial
JavaScript Identity SDK	Sign in users with JavaScript
Android Identity SDK	Sign in users with Android
iOS Identity SDK	Sign in users with iOS

# Pre Authentication Example

This sample function prevents users from a specific user pool app client to sign-in to the user pool.

#### Node.js

```
exports.handler = (event, context, callback) => {
   if (event.callerContext.clientId === "user-pool-app-client-id-to-be-blocked") {
     var error = new Error("Cannot authenticate users from this user pool app
   client");

     // Return error to Amazon Cognito
     callback(error, event);
}

// Return to Amazon Cognito
   callback(null, event);
};
```

#### Python

```
def lambda_handler(event, context):
```

```
if event['callerContext']['clientId'] == "<user pool app client id to be blocked>":
    raise Exception("Cannot authenticate users from this user pool app client")

# Return to Amazon Cognito
return event
```

Amazon Cognito passes event information to your Lambda function. The function then returns the same event object back to Amazon Cognito, with any changes in the response. In the Lambda console, you can set up a test event with data that's relevant to your Lambda trigger. The following is a test event for this code sample:

JSON

```
{
    "callerContext": {
        "clientId": "<user pool app client id to be blocked>"
    },
    "response": {}
}
```

# Post Authentication Lambda Trigger

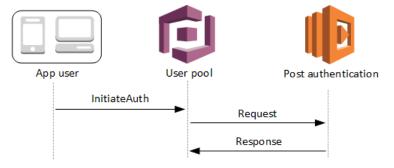
Amazon Cognito invokes this trigger after signing in a user, allowing you to add custom logic after authentication.

#### **Topics**

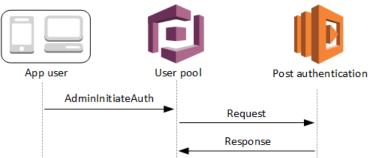
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#### Post Authentication Lambda Flows

#### Client Authentication Flow



# Server Authentication Flow



For more information, see User Pool Authentication Flow (p. 192).

# Post Authentication Lambda Trigger Parameters

These are the parameters required by this Lambda function in addition to the common parameters.

**JSON** 

# **Post Authentication Request Parameters**

## newDeviceUsed

This flag indicates if the user has signed in on a new device. It is set only if the remembered devices value of the user pool is set to Always or User Opt-In.

#### userAttributes

One or more name-value pairs representing user attributes.

# Post Authentication Response Parameters

No additional return information is expected in the response.

# **Authentication Tutorials**

The post authentication Lambda function is triggered just after Amazon Cognito signs in a new user. See these sign-in tutorials for JavaScript, Android, and iOS.

Platform	Tutorial
JavaScript Identity SDK	Sign in users with JavaScript

Platform	Tutorial
Android Identity SDK	Sign in users with Android
iOS Identity SDK	Sign in users with iOS

# Post Authentication Example

This post authentication sample Lambda function sends data from a successful sign-in to CloudWatch Logs.

Node.js

```
exports.handler = (event, context, callback) => {
    // Send post authentication data to Cloudwatch logs
    console.log ("Authentication successful");
    console.log ("Trigger function =", event.triggerSource);
    console.log ("User pool = ", event.userPoolId);
    console.log ("App client ID = ", event.callerContext.clientId);
    console.log ("User ID = ", event.userName);

    // Return to Amazon Cognito
    callback(null, event);
};
```

## Python

```
from __future__ import print_function
def lambda_handler(event, context):

# Send post authentication data to Cloudwatch logs
    print ("Authentication successful")
    print ("Trigger function =", event['triggerSource'])
    print ("User pool = ", event['userPoolId'])
    print ("App client ID = ", event['callerContext']['clientId'])
    print ("User ID = ", event['userName'])

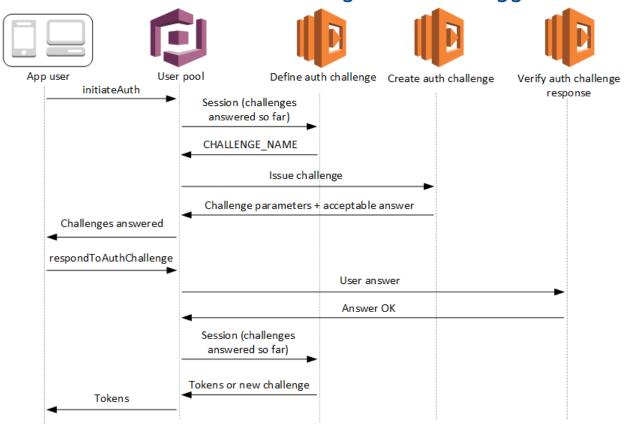
# Return to Amazon Cognito
    return event
```

Amazon Cognito passes event information to your Lambda function. The function then returns the same event object back to Amazon Cognito, with any changes in the response. In the Lambda console, you can set up a test event with data that's relevant to your Lambda trigger. The following is a test event for this code sample:

**JSON** 

```
{
  "triggerSource": "testTrigger",
  "userPoolId": "testPool",
  "userName": "testName",
  "callerContext": {
      "clientId": "12345"
  },
  "response": {}
}
```

# **Custom Authentication Challenge Lambda Triggers**



These Lambda triggers issue and verify their own challenges as part of a user pool custom authentication flow.

### Define auth challenge

Amazon Cognito invokes this trigger to initiate the custom authentication flow.

### Create auth challenge

Amazon Cognito invokes this trigger after **Define Auth Challenge** to create a custom challenge.

## Verify auth challenge response

Amazon Cognito invokes this trigger to verify if the response from the end user for a custom challenge is valid or not.

You can incorporate new challenge types with these challenge Lambda triggers. For example, these challenge types might include CAPTCHAs or dynamic challenge questions.

You can generalize authentication into two common steps with the user pool InitiateAuth and RespondToAuthChallenge API methods.

In this flow, a user authenticates by answering successive challenges until authentication either fails or the user is issued tokens. These two API calls can be repeated to include different challenges.

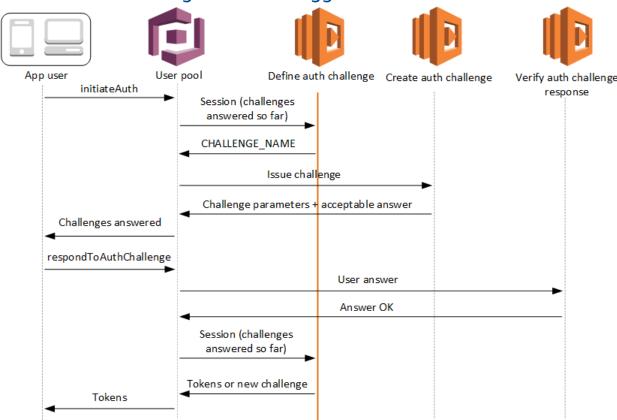
#### Note

The Amazon Cognito hosted sign-in web page does not support the custom authentication flow.

## **Topics**

- Define Auth Challenge Lambda Trigger (p. 141)
- Create Auth Challenge Lambda Trigger (p. 144)
- Verify Auth Challenge Response Lambda Trigger (p. 146)

# Define Auth Challenge Lambda Trigger



# Define auth challenge

Amazon Cognito invokes this trigger to initiate the custom authentication flow.

The request contains session, which is an array containing all of the challenges that are presented to the user in the authentication process that is underway, along with the corresponding result. The challenge details (ChallengeResult) are stored in chronological order in the session array, with session[0] representing the first challenge that is presented to the user.

The challenge loop will repeat until all challenges are answered.

### **Topics**

- Define Auth Challenge Lambda Trigger Parameters (p. 141)
- Define Auth Challenge Example (p. 143)

# Define Auth Challenge Lambda Trigger Parameters

These are the parameters required by this Lambda function in addition to the common parameters.

**JSON** 

# Define Auth Challenge Request Parameters

### userAttributes

One or more name-value pairs representing user attributes.

#### session

The session element is an array of ChallengeResult elements, each of which contains the following elements:

# challengeName

```
The challenge type. One of: "CUSTOM_CHALLENGE", "PASSWORD_VERIFIER", "SMS_MFA", "DEVICE SRP AUTH", "DEVICE PASSWORD VERIFIER", or "ADMIN NO SRP AUTH".
```

## challengeResult

Set to true if the user successfully completed the challenge, or false otherwise.

# challengeMetaData

Your name for the custom challenge. Used only if challengeName is "CUSTOM\_CHALLENGE".

## Define Auth Challenge Response Parameters

In the response, you can return the next stage of the authentication process.

## challengeName

A string containing the name of the next challenge. If you want to present a new challenge to your user, specify the challenge name here.

# issueTokens

Set to true if you determine that the user has sufficiently authenticated by completing the challenges, or false otherwise.

## failAuthentication

Set to true if you want to terminate the current authentication process, or false otherwise.

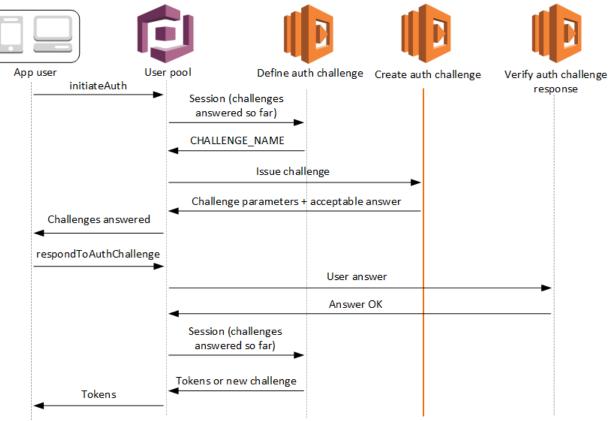
# Define Auth Challenge Example

This example defines a series of challenges for authentication and issues tokens only if all of the challenges are successfully completed.

Node.js

```
exports.handler = (event, context, callback) => {
   if (event.request.session.length == 1 && event.request.session[0].challengeName ==
 'SRP_A') {
       event.response.issueTokens = false;
       event.response.failAuthentication = false;
       event.response.challengeName = 'PASSWORD_VERIFIER';
   } else if (event.request.session.length == 2 &&
event.request.session[1].challengeName == 'PASSWORD_VERIFIER' &&
event.request.session[1].challengeResult == true) {
       event.response.issueTokens = false;
       event.response.failAuthentication = false;
       event.response.challengeName = 'CUSTOM_CHALLENGE';
   } else if (event.request.session.length == 3 &&
event.request.session[2].challengeName == 'CUSTOM_CHALLENGE' &&
event.request.session[2].challengeResult == true) {
       event.response.issueTokens = true;
       event.response.failAuthentication = false;
   } else {
       event.response.issueTokens = false;
       event.response.failAuthentication = true;
   // Return to Amazon Cognito
   callback(null, event);
```

# Create Auth Challenge Lambda Trigger



# Create auth challenge

Amazon Cognito invokes this trigger after **Define Auth Challenge** if a custom challenge has been specified as part of the **Define Auth Challenge** trigger. It creates a custom authentication flow.

This Lambda trigger is invoked to create a challenge to present to the user. The request for this Lambda trigger includes the challengeName and session. The challengeName is a string and is the name of the next challenge to the user. The value of this attribute is set in the Define Auth Challenge Lambda trigger.

The challenge loop will repeat until all challenges are answered.

#### Topics

- Create Auth Challenge Lambda Trigger Parameters (p. 144)
- Create Auth Challenge Example (p. 146)

# Create Auth Challenge Lambda Trigger Parameters

These are the parameters required by this Lambda function in addition to the common parameters.

#### **JSON**

```
{
    "request": {
        "userAttributes": {
```

```
"string": "string",
....
}
"challengeName": "string",
"session": [
    ChallengeResult,
    ...
]
},
"response": {
    "publicChallengeParameters": {
        "string": "string",
        ...
},
    "privateChallengeParameters": {
        "string": "string",
        ....
},
    "challengeMetadata": "string"
}
```

## Create Auth Challenge Request Parameters

### userAttributes

One or more name-value pairs representing user attributes.

# challengeName

The name of the new challenge.

## session

The session element is an array of ChallengeResult elements, each of which contains the following elements:

# challengeName

The challenge type. One of: "CUSTOM\_CHALLENGE", "PASSWORD\_VERIFIER", "SMS\_MFA", "DEVICE\_SRP\_AUTH", "DEVICE\_PASSWORD\_VERIFIER", or "ADMIN\_NO\_SRP\_AUTH".

## challengeResult

Set to true if the user successfully completed the challenge, or false otherwise.

# challenge Meta Data

Your name for the custom challenge. Used only if challengeName is "CUSTOM\_CHALLENGE".

## Create Auth Challenge Response Parameters

## publicChallengeParameters

One or more key-value pairs for the client app to use in the challenge to be presented to the user. This parameter should contain all of the necessary information to accurately present the challenge to the user.

# privateChallengeParameters

This parameter is only used by the Verify Auth Challenge Response Lambda trigger. This parameter should contain all of the information that is required to validate the user's response to the challenge. In other words, the publicChallengeParameters parameter contains the question that is presented to the user and privateChallengeParameters contains the valid answers for the question.

## challengeMetadata

Your name for the custom challenge, if this is a custom challenge.

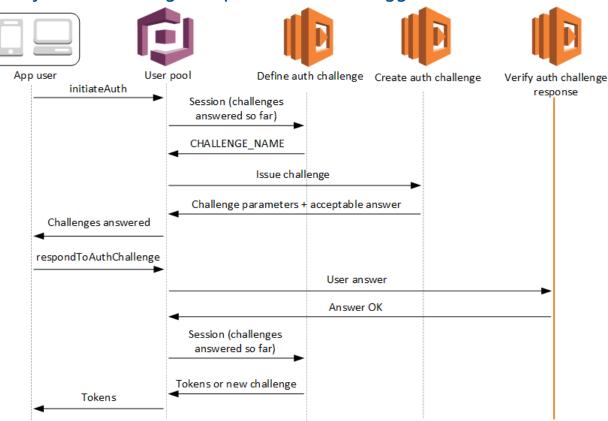
# Create Auth Challenge Example

A CAPTCHA is created as a challenge to the user. The URL for the CAPTCHA image is added to the public challenge parameters as "captchaUrl", and the expected answer is added to the private challenge parameters.

## Node.js

```
exports.handler = (event, context, callback) => {
   if (event.request.challengeName == 'CUSTOM_CHALLENGE') {
      event.response.publicChallengeParameters = {};
      event.response.publicChallengeParameters.captchaUrl = 'url/123.jpg'
      event.response.privateChallengeParameters = {};
      event.response.privateChallengeParameters.answer = '5';
      event.response.challengeMetadata = 'CAPTCHA_CHALLENGE';
   }
   Return to Amazon Cognito
   callback(null, event);
}
```

# Verify Auth Challenge Response Lambda Trigger



# Verify auth challenge response

Amazon Cognito invokes this trigger to verify if the response from the end user for a custom Auth Challenge is valid or not. It is part of a user pool custom authentication flow.

The request for this trigger contains the privateChallengeParameters and challengeAnswer parameters. The privateChallengeParameters values are returned by the Create Auth Challenge Lambda trigger and will contain the expected response from the user. The challengeAnswer parameter contains the user's response for the challenge.

The response contains the answerCorrect attribute, which is set to true if the user successfully completed the challenge, or false otherwise.

The challenge loop will repeat until all challenges are answered.

## **Topics**

- Verify Auth Challenge Lambda Trigger Parameters (p. 147)
- Verify Auth Challenge Response Example (p. 148)

# Verify Auth Challenge Lambda Trigger Parameters

These are the parameters required by this Lambda function in addition to the common parameters.

**JSON** 

```
{
    "request": {
        "string": "string",
        ....
    },
    "privateChallengeParameters": {
        "string": "string",
        ....
    },
    "challengeAnswer": {
        "string": "string",
        ....
    }
},
    "response": {
        "answerCorrect": boolean
}
```

# Verify Auth Challenge Request Parameters

#### userAttributes

One or more name-value pairs representing user attributes.

# privateChallengeParameters

This parameter comes from the Create Auth Challenge trigger, and is compared against a user's **challengeAnswer** to determine whether the user passed the challenge.

This parameter is only used by the Verify Auth Challenge Response Lambda trigger. It should contain all of the information that is required to validate the user's response to the challenge. That includes

the publicChallengeParameters parameter which contains the question that is presented to the user, and privateChallengeParameters which contains the valid answers for the question.

# challengeAnswer

The answer from the user's response to the challenge.

# Verify Auth Challenge Response Parameters

### answerCorrect

Set to true if the user has successfully completed the challenge, or false otherwise.

# Verify Auth Challenge Response Example

In this example, the Lambda function checks whether the user's response to a challenge matches the expected response. The answerCorrect parameter is set to true if the user's response matches the expected response.

## Node.js

```
exports.handler = (event, context, callback) => {
   if (event.request.privateChallengeParameters.answer ==
   event.request.challengeAnswer) {
      event.response.answerCorrect = true;
   } else {
      event.response.answerCorrect = false;
   }
   // Return to Amazon Cognito
   callback(null, event);
}
```

# Pre Token Generation Lambda Trigger

Amazon Cognito invokes this trigger before token generation allowing you to customize identity token claims.

This Lambda trigger allows you to customize an identity token before it is generated. You can use this trigger to add new claims, update claims, or suppress claims in the identity token. To use this feature, you can associate a Lambda function from the Amazon Cognito User Pools console or by updating your user pool through the AWS CLI.

There are some claims which cannot be modified. These include acr, amr, aud, auth\_time,azp, exp, iat, identities, iss, sub, token\_use, and cognito:username.

## **Topics**

- Pre Token Generation Lambda Trigger Sources (p. 149)
- Pre Token Generation Lambda Trigger Parameters (p. 149)
- Pre Token Generation Example: Add a New Claim and Suppress an Existing Claim (p. 150)
- Pre Token Generation Example: Modify the User's Group Membership (p. 151)

# Pre Token Generation Lambda Trigger Sources

triggerSource value	Triggering event
TokenGeneration_HostedAuth	Called during authentication from the Amazon Cognito hosted UI sign-in page.
TokenGeneration_Authentication	Called after user authentication flows have completed.
TokenGeneration_NewPasswordChallenge	Called after the user is created by an admin. This flow is invoked when the user has to change a temporary password.
TokenGeneration_AuthenticateDevice	Called at the end of the authentication of a user device.
TokenGeneration_RefreshTokens	Called when a user tries to refresh the identity and access tokens.

# Pre Token Generation Lambda Trigger Parameters

These are the parameters required by this Lambda function in addition to the common parameters.

**JSON** 

```
"request": {
        "userAttributes": {
            "string": "string",
        "groupConfiguration": {
        "groupsToOverride": ["string", ....],
        "iamRolesToOverride": ["string", ....],
        "preferredRole": "string"
    "response": {
        "claimsOverrideDetails": {
            "claimsToAddOrOverride": {
                "string": "string",
            "claimsToSuppress": ["string", ....],
            "groupOverrideDetails": {
                "groupsToOverride": ["string", ....],
                "iamRolesToOverride": ["string", ....],
                "preferredRole": "string"
        }
    }
}
```

# Pre Token Generation Request Parameters

# groupConfiguration

The input object containing the current group configuration. It includes groupsToOverride, iamRolesToOverride, and preferredRole.

## groupsToOverride

A list of the group names that are associated with the user that the identity token is issued for.

### iamRolesToOverride

A list of the current IAM roles associated with these groups.

## preferredRole

A string indicating the preferred IAM role.

# **Pre Token Generation Response Parameters**

### claimsToAddOrOverride

A map of one or more key-value pairs of claims to add or override. For group related claims, use groupOverrideDetails instead.

### claimsToSuppress

A list that contains claims to be suppressed from the identity token.

#### Note

If a value is both suppressed and replaced, then it will be suppressed.

## groupOverrideDetails

The output object containing the current group configuration. It includes groupsToOverride, iamRolesToOverride, and preferredRole.

The groupOverrideDetails object is replaced with the one you provide. If you provide an empty or null object in the response, then the groups are suppressed. To leave the existing group configuration as is, copy the value of the request's groupConfiguration object to the groupOverrideDetails object in the response, and pass it back to the service.

# Pre Token Generation Example: Add a New Claim and Suppress an Existing Claim

This example uses the Pre Token Generation Lambda to add a new claim and suppresses an existing one.

### Node.is

```
// Return to Amazon Cognito
  callback(null, event);
};
```

Amazon Cognito passes event information to your Lambda function. The function then returns the same event object back to Amazon Cognito, with any changes in the response. In the Lambda console, you can set up a test event with data that's relevant to your Lambda trigger. The following is a test event for this code sample:

**JSON** 

```
{
  "request": {},
  "response": {}
}
```

# Pre Token Generation Example: Modify the User's Group Membership

This example uses the Pre Token Generation Lambda to modify the user's group membership.

Node.js

```
exports.handler = (event, context, callback) => {
    event.response = {
        "claimsOverrideDetails": {
            "claimsToAddOrOverride": {
                "attribute_key2": "attribute_value2",
                "attribute_key": "attribute_value"
            "claimsToSuppress": ["email"],
            "groupOverrideDetails": {
                "groupsToOverride": ["group-A", "group-B", "group-C"],
                "iamRolesToOverride": ["arn:aws:iam::XXXXXXXXXXX:role/sns_callerA",
"arn:aws:iam::XXXXXXXXX:role/sns_callerB", "arn:aws:iam::XXXXXXXXXX:role/
sns_callerC"],
                "preferredRole": "arn:aws:iam::XXXXXXXXXX:role/sns_caller"
            }
        }
    };
    // Return to Amazon Cognito
    callback(null, event);
};
```

Amazon Cognito passes event information to your Lambda function. The function then returns the same event object back to Amazon Cognito, with any changes in the response. In the Lambda console, you can set up a test event with data that's relevant to your Lambda trigger. The following is a test event for this code sample:

JSON

```
{
   "request": {},
   "response": {}
}
```

# Migrate User Lambda Trigger

Amazon Cognito invokes this trigger when a user does not exist in the user pool at the time of sign-in with a password, or in the forgot-password flow. After the Lambda function returns successfully, Amazon Cognito creates the user in the user pool. For details on the authentication flow with the user migration Lambda trigger see Importing Users into User Pools With a User Migration Lambda Trigger (p. 176).

You can migrate users from your existing user directory into Amazon Cognito User Pools at the time of sign-in, or during the forgot-password flow with this Lambda trigger.

## **Topics**

- Migrate User Lambda Trigger Sources (p. 152)
- Migrate User Lambda Trigger Parameters (p. 152)
- Example: Migrate a User with an Existing Password (p. 154)

# Migrate User Lambda Trigger Sources

triggerSource value	Triggering event	
UserMigration_Authentication	User migration at the time of sign in.	
UserMigration_ForgotPassword	User migration during forgot-password flow.	

# Migrate User Lambda Trigger Parameters

These are the parameters required by this Lambda function in addition to the common parameters.

JSON

# Migrate User Request Parameters

## userName

The username entered by the user.

## password

The password entered by the user for sign-in. It is not set in the forgot-password flow.

# Migrate User Response Parameters

### userAttributes

This field is required.

It must contain one or more name-value pairs representing user attributes to be stored in the user profile in your user pool. You can include both standard and custom user attributes. Custom attributes require the custom: prefix to distinguish them from standard attributes. For more information see Custom attributes.

#### Note

In order for users to reset their passwords in the forgot-password flow, they must have either a verified email or a verified phone number. Amazon Cognito sends a message containing a reset password code to the email or phone number in the user attributes.

Attributes	Requirement
Any attributes marked as required when you created your user pool	If any required attributes are missing during the migration, default values will be used.
username	Required if you have configured your user pool with email and/or preferred_username aliases in addition to username for sign-in, and the user has entered an email or phone number to sign-in.  Otherwise, it is optional and will be used as the username instead of the username entered by the user.  Note username must be unique in the user pool.
cognito:mfa_enabled	Required if MFA is configured as optional in the User Pool. This attribute specifies whether MFA is enabled for the user.

## finalUserStatus

During sign-in, this attribute can be set to CONFIRMED, or not set, to auto-confirm your users and allow them to sign-in with their previous passwords. This is the simplest experience for the user.

If this attribute is set to RESET\_REQUIRED, the user is required to change his or her password immediately after migration at the time of sign-in, and your client app needs to handle the PasswordResetRequiredException during the authentication flow.

#### Note

The password policy for the new user pool should not be stronger than the password policy from your existing user directory.

# messageAction

This attribute can be set to "SUPPRESS" to suppress the welcome message usually sent by Amazon Cognito to new users. If this attribute is not returned, the welcome message will be sent.

## desiredDeliveryMediums

This attribute can be set to "EMAIL" to send the welcome message by email, or "SMS" to send the welcome message by SMS. If this attribute is not returned, the welcome message will be sent by SMS.

### forceAliasCreation

If this parameter is set to "true" and the phone number or email address specified in the UserAttributes parameter already exists as an alias with a different user, the API call will migrate the alias from the previous user to the newly created user. The previous user will no longer be able to log in using that alias.

If this attribute is set to "false" and the alias exists, the user will not be migrated, and an error is returned to the client app.

If this attribute is not returned, it is assumed to be "false".

# Example: Migrate a User with an Existing Password

This example Lambda function migrates the user with an existing password and suppresses the welcome message from Amazon Cognito.

Node.js

```
exports.handler = (event, context, callback) => {
   var user:
   if ( event.triggerSource == "UserMigration_Authentication" ) {
       // authenticate the user with your existing user directory service
       user = authenticateUser(event.userName, event.request.password);
       if ( user ) {
           event.response.userAttributes = {
                "email": user.emailAddress,
                "email_verified": "true"
            event.response.finalUserStatus = "CONFIRMED";
           event.response.messageAction = "SUPPRESS";
           context.succeed(event);
       }
       else {
            // Return error to Amazon Cognito
           callback("Bad password");
   else if ( event.triggerSource == "UserMigration_ForgotPassword" ) {
       // Lookup the user in your existing user directory service
       user = lookupUser(event.userName);
       if ( user ) {
            event.response.userAttributes = {
                "email": user.emailAddress,
                // required to enable password-reset code to be sent to user
                "email verified": "true"
            };
            event.response.messageAction = "SUPPRESS";
           context.succeed(event);
       else {
            // Return error to Amazon Cognito
           callback("Bad password");
   }
   else {
       // Return error to Amazon Cognito
       callback("Bad triggerSource " + event.triggerSource);
```

};

# Custom Message Lambda Trigger

Amazon Cognito invokes this trigger before sending an email or phone verification message or a multifactor authentication (MFA) code, allowing you to customize the message dynamically. Static custom messages can be edited in the **Message Customizations** tab of the Amazon Cognito console.

The request includes codeParameter, which is a string that acts as a placeholder for the code that's being delivered to the user. Insert the codeParameter string into the message body, at the position where you want the verification code to be inserted. On receiving this response, the Amazon Cognito service replaces the codeParameter string with the actual verification code.

#### Note

A custom message Lambda function with the CustomMessage\_AdminCreateUser trigger returns a user name and verification code and so the request must include both request.usernameParameter and request.codeParameter.

### **Topics**

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- Custom Message Lambda Trigger Parameters (p. 156)
- Custom Message for Sign Up Example (p. 156)
- Custom Message for Admin Create User Example (p. 158)

# **Custom Message Lambda Trigger Sources**

triggerSource value	Triggering event
CustomMessage_SignUp	Custom message – To send the confirmation code post sign-up.
CustomMessage_AdminCreateUser	Custom message – To send the temporary password to a new user.
CustomMessage_ResendCode	Custom message – To resend the confirmation code to an existing user.
CustomMessage_ForgotPassword	Custom message – To send the confirmation code for Forgot Password request.
CustomMessage_UpdateUserAttribute	Custom message – When a user's email or phone number is changed, this trigger sends a verification code automatically to the user. Cannot be used for other attributes.
CustomMessage_VerifyUserAttribute	Custom message – This trigger sends a verification code to the user when they manually request it for a new email or phone number.
CustomMessage_Authentication	Custom message – To send MFA code during authentication.

# **Custom Message Lambda Trigger Parameters**

These are the parameters required by this Lambda function in addition to the common parameters.

JSON

```
"request": {
    "userAttributes": {
        "string": "string",
        ....
}
    "codeParameter": "####",
    "usernameParameter": "string"
},
    "response": {
        "smsMessage": "string",
        "emailMessage": "string",
        "emailSubject": "string"
}
```

# **Custom Message Request Parameters**

#### userAttributes

One or more name-value pairs representing user attributes.

### codeParameter

A string for you to use as the placeholder for the verification code in the custom message.

### username

The username parameter. It is a required request parameter for the admin create user flow.

# **Custom Message Response Parameters**

In the response, you specify the custom text to use in messages to your users.

# smsMessage

The custom SMS message to be sent to your users. Must include the codeParameter value received in the request.

# emailMessage

The custom email message to be sent to your users. Must include the codeParameter value received in the request.

# emailSubject

The subject line for the custom message.

# Custom Message for Sign Up Example

This Lambda function is invoked to customize an email or SMS message when the service requires an app to send a verification code to the user.

A Lambda trigger can be invoked at multiple points: post-registration, resending a verification code, forgotten password, or verifying a user attribute. The response includes messages for both SMS and email. The message must include the code parameter, "####", which is the placeholder for the verification code that is delivered to the user.

For email, the maximum length for the message is 20,000 UTF-8 characters, including the verification code. HTML tags can be used in these emails.

For SMS, the maximum length is 140 UTF-8 characters, including the verification code.

Node.js

```
exports.handler = (event, context, callback) => {
   if(event.userPoolId === "theSpecialUserPool") {
        // Identify why was this function invoked
       if(event.triggerSource === "CustomMessage_SignUp") {
            // Ensure that your message contains event.request.codeParameter. This is
the placeholder for code that will be sent
           event.response.smsMessage = "Welcome to the service. Your confirmation code
is " + event.request.codeParameter;
           event.response.emailSubject = "Welcome to the service";
            event.response.emailMessage = "Thank you for signing up. " +
event.request.codeParameter + " is your verification code";
        // Create custom message for other events
   // Customize messages for other user pools
   // Return to Amazon Cognito
   callback(null, event);
};
```

Amazon Cognito passes event information to your Lambda function. The function then returns the same event object back to Amazon Cognito, with any changes in the response. In the Lambda console, you can set up a test event with data that's relevant to your Lambda trigger. The following is a test event for this code sample:

**JSON** 

```
"version": 1,
 "triggerSource": "CustomMessage_SignUp/CustomMessage_ResendCode/
CustomMessage ForgotPassword/CustomMessage VerifyUserAttribute",
 "region": "<region>",
 "userPoolId": "<userPoolId>",
 "userName": "<userName>",
 "callerContext": {
      "awsSdk": "<calling aws sdk with version>",
      "clientId": "<apps client id>",
 }.
 "request": {
      "userAttributes": {
          "phone_number_verified": false,
          "email_verified": true,
      },
      "codeParameter": "####"
 },
  "response": {
```

```
"smsMessage": "<custom message to be sent in the message with code parameter>"
"emailMessage": "<custom message to be sent in the message with code parameter>"
"emailSubject": "<custom email subject>"
}
}
```

# Custom Message for Admin Create User Example

A custom message Lambda function with the CustomMessage\_AdminCreateUser trigger returns a user name and verification code and so include both request.usernameParameter and request.codeParameter in the message body.

The code parameter value "####" is a placeholder for the temporary password and "username" is a placeholder for the username delivered to your user.

For email, the maximum length for the message is 20,000 UTF-8 characters, including the verification code. HTML tags can be used in these emails. For SMS, the maximum length is 140 UTF-8 characters, including the verification code.

The response includes messages for both SMS and email.

Node.js

```
exports.handler = (event, context, callback) => {
   if(event.userPoolId === "theSpecialUserPool") {
       // Identify why was this function invoked
       if(event.triggerSource === "CustomMessage AdminCreateUser") {
            // Ensure that your message contains event.request.codeParameter
event.request.usernameParameter. This is the placeholder for the code and username
that will be sent to your user.
           event.response.smsMessage = "Welcome to the service. Your user
name is " + event.request.usernameParameter + " Your temporary password is " +
event.request.codeParameter;
            event.response.emailSubject = "Welcome to the service";
           event.response.emailMessage = "Welcome to the service. Your user
name is " + event.request.usernameParameter + " Your temporary password is " +
event.request.codeParameter;
       // Create custom message for other events
   // Customize messages for other user pools
   // Return to Amazon Cognito
   callback(null, event);
};
```

Amazon Cognito passes event information to your Lambda function. The function then returns the same event object back to Amazon Cognito, with any changes in the response. In the Lambda console, you can set up a test event with data that's relevant to your Lambda trigger. The following is a test event for this code sample:

**JSON** 

```
"version": 1,
"triggerSource": "CustomMessage_AdminCreateUser",
"region": "<region>",
"userPoolId": "<userPoolId>",
```

```
"userName": "<userName>",
 "callerContext": {
     "awsSdk": "<calling aws sdk with version>",
      "clientId": "<apps client id>",
 },
  "request": {
      "userAttributes": {
          "phone_number_verified": false,
          "email_verified": true,
      "codeParameter": "####",
      "usernameParameter": "username"
 },
  "response": {
     "smsMessage": "<custom message to be sent in the message with code parameter and
username parameter>"
     "emailMessage": "<custom message to be sent in the message with code parameter
and username parameter>"
     "emailSubject": "<custom email subject>"
 }
}
```

# Using Amazon Pinpoint Analytics with Amazon Cognito User Pools

Amazon Cognito User Pools are integrated with Amazon Pinpoint to provide analytics for Amazon Cognito user pools and to enrich the user data for Amazon Pinpoint campaigns. Amazon Pinpoint provides analytics and targeted campaigns to drive user engagement in mobile apps using push notifications. With Amazon Pinpoint analytics support in Amazon Cognito user pools, you can track user pool sign-ups, sign-ins, failed authentications, daily active users (DAUs), and monthly active users (MAUs) in the Amazon Pinpoint console. You can drill into the data for different date ranges or attributes, such as device platform, device locale, and app version.

You can also set up user attributes that are specific to your app using the AWS Mobile SDK for Android or AWS Mobile SDK for iOS. Those can then be used to segment your users on Amazon Pinpoint and send them targeted push notifications. If you choose **Share user attribute data with Amazon Pinpoint** in the **Analytics** tab in the Amazon Cognito console, additional endpoints are created for user email addresses and phone numbers.

# Specifying Amazon Pinpoint Analytics Settings (AWS Management Console)

# To specify analytics settings

- 1. Sign in to the Amazon Cognito console.
- 2. In the navigation pane, choose Manage your User Pools, and choose the user pool you want to edit.
- 3. Choose the **Analytics** tab.
- 4. Choose Add analytics and campaigns.
- Choose a Cognito app client from the list.
- To map your Amazon Cognito app to an Amazon Pinpoint project, choose the Amazon Pinpoint project from the list.

#### Note

The Amazon Pinpoint project ID is a 32-character string that is unique to your Amazon Pinpoint project. It is listed in the Amazon Pinpoint console.

You can map multiple Amazon Cognito apps to a single Amazon Pinpoint project. However, each Amazon Cognito app can only be mapped to one Amazon Pinpoint project. In Amazon Pinpoint, each project should be a single app. For example, if a game developer has two games, each game should be a separate Amazon Pinpoint project, even if both games use the same Amazon Cognito user pool.

7. Choose **Share user attribute data with Amazon Pinpoint** if you want Amazon Cognito to send email addresses and phone numbers to Amazon Pinpoint in order to create additional endpoints for users.

#### Note

An *endpoint* uniquely identifies a user device to which you can send push notifications with Amazon Pinpoint. For more information about endpoints, see Adding Endpoints in the *Amazon Pinpoint Developer Guide*.

- 8. Enter an IAM role that you already created or choose Create new role to create a new role in the IAM console.
- 9. Choose **Save changes**.
- 10. To specify additional app mappings, choose **Add another app mapping**.
- 11. Choose Save changes.

# Specifying Amazon Pinpoint Analytics Settings (AWS CLI and AWS API)

Use the following commands to specify Amazon Pinpoint analytics settings for your user pool.

To specify the analytics settings for your user pool's existing client app at app creation time

- AWS CLI: aws cognito-idp create-user-pool-client
- AWS API: CreateUserPoolClient

# To update the analytics settings for your user pool's existing client app

- AWS CLI: aws cognito-idp update-user-pool-client
- AWS API: UpdateUserPoolClient

# Managing Users in User Pools

After you create a user pool, you can create, confirm, and manage users accounts. With Amazon Cognito User Pools groups you can manage your users and their access to resources by mapping IAM roles to groups.

You can import your users into a user pool with a user migration Lambda trigger. This approach enables seamless migration of users from your existing user directory to user pools when they sign in to your user pool for the first time.

## **Topics**

- Signing Up and Confirming User Accounts (p. 161)
- Creating User Accounts as Administrator (p. 168)
- Adding Groups to a User Pool (p. 171)
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• Importing Users into a User Pool (p. 176)

# Signing Up and Confirming User Accounts

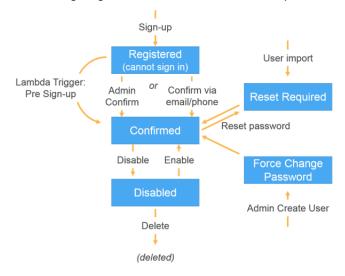
User accounts are added to your user pool in one of the following ways:

- The user signs up in your user pool's client app, which can be a mobile or web app.
- You can import the user's account into your user pool. For more information, see Importing Users into User Pools From a CSV File (p. 177).
- You can create the user's account in your user pool and invite the user to sign in. For more information, see Creating User Accounts as Administrator (p. 168).

Users who sign themselves up need to be confirmed before they can sign in. Imported and created users are already confirmed, but they need to create their password the first time they sign in. The following sections explain the confirmation process and email and phone verification.

# Overview of User Account Confirmation

The following diagram illustrates the confirmation process:



A user account can be in any of the following states:

### Registered (Unconfirmed)

The user has successfully signed up, but cannot sign in until the user account is confirmed. The user is enabled but not confirmed in this state.

New users who sign themselves up start in this state.

## Confirmed

The user account is confirmed and the user can sign in. If the user confirmed the user account by entering a confirmation code that was received via email or phone (SMS)—or, in the case of email, by clicking a confirmation link—that email or phone number is automatically verified. The code or link is valid for 24 hours.

If the user account was confirmed by the administrator or a Pre Sign-up Lambda trigger, there might not be a verified email or phone number associated with the account.

## **Password Reset Required**

The user account is confirmed, but the user must request a code and reset his or her password before he or she can sign in.

User accounts that are imported by an administrator or developer start in this state.

## **Force Change Password**

The user account is confirmed and the user can sign in using a temporary password, but on first signin, the user must change his or her password to a new value before doing anything else.

User accounts that are created by an administrator or developer start in this state.

### Disabled

Before a user account can be deleted, it must be disabled.

# Verifying Contact Information at Sign-Up

When new users sign up in your app, you probably want them to provide at least one contact method. For example, with your users' contact information, you might:

- Send a temporary password when a user chooses to reset his or her password.
- Notify users when their personal or financial information is updated.
- Send promotional messages, such as special offers or discounts.
- · Send account summaries or billing reminders.

For use cases like these, it's important that you send your messages to a verified destination. Otherwise, you might send your messages to an invalid email address or phone number that was typed incorrectly. Or worse, you might send sensitive information to bad actors who pose as your users.

To help ensure that you send messages only to the right individuals, configure your Amazon Cognito user pool so that users must provide the following when they sign up:

- a. An email address or phone number.
- b. A verification code that Amazon Cognito sends to that email address or phone number.

By providing the verification code, a user proves that he or she has access to the mailbox or phone that received the code. After the user provides the code, Amazon Cognito updates the information about the user in your user pool by:

- Setting the user's status to CONFIRMED.
- · Updating the user's attributes to indicate that the email address or phone number is verified.

To view this information, you can use the Amazon Cognito console. Or, you can use the AdminGetUser API action, the admin-get-user command with the AWS CLI, or a corresponding action in one of the AWS SDKs.

If a user has a verified contact method, Amazon Cognito automatically sends a message to the user when the user requests a password reset.

# To Configure Your User Pool to Require Email or Phone Verification

By requiring email or phone verification, you help ensure that you have a reliable way to contact your users. Complete the following steps to configure your user pool by using the Amazon Cognito console.

# Before vou begin

If you don't already, you need to have a user pool in your account. To create one, see Getting Started with User Pools (p. 14).

## To configure your user pool

- Sign in the AWS Management Console and open the Amazon Cognito console at https:// console.aws.amazon.com/cognito.
- Choose Manage User Pools.
- 3. On the Your User Pools page, choose the user pool that you want to configure.
- 4. In the navigation menu on the left, choose MFA and verifications.

The options for email or phone verification are shown under **Which attributes do you want to verify?** 

Which attributes do you want to verify?		
Verification requires users to retrieve a code from their email or phone to confirm ownership. Verification of a phone or email is necessary to automatically confirm users and enable recovery from forgotten passwords. Learn more about email and phone verification.		
● Email		

5. Choose one of the following options:

#### **Email**

If you choose this option, Amazon Cognito emails a verification code when the user signs up. Choose this option if you typically communicate with your users through email. For example, you will want to use verified email addresses if you send billing statements, order summaries, or special offers.

#### Phone number

If you choose this option, Amazon Cognito sends a verification code through SMS when the user signs up. Choose this option if you typically communicate with your users through SMS. For example, you will want to use verified phone numbers if you send delivery notifications, appointment confirmations, or alerts.

## Email or phone number

Choose this option if you don't require all users to have the same verified contact method. In this case, the sign-up page in your app could ask users to verify only their preferred contact method. When Amazon Cognito sends a verification code, it sends the code to the contact method provided in the SignUp request from your app. If a user provides both an email address and a phone number, and your app provides both contact methods in the SignUp request, Amazon Cognito sends a verification code only to the phone number.

If you require users to verify both an email address and a phone number, choose this option. Amazon Cognito verifies one contact method when the user signs up, and your app must verify the other contact method after the user signs in. For more information, see If You Require Users to Confirm Both Email Addresses and Phone Numbers (p. 164).

#### None

If you choose this option, Amazon Cognito doesn't send verification codes when users sign up. Choose this option if you are using a custom authentication flow that verifies at least one contact method without using verification codes from Amazon Cognito. For example, you might use a pre sign-up Lambda trigger that automatically verifies email addresses that belong to a specific domain.

If you don't verify your users' contact information, they might be unable to use your app in some cases. Remember that users require verified contact information to:

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- Reset their passwords. When a user does an action in your app that calls the ForgotPassword API action, Amazon Cognito sends a temporary password to the user's email address or phone number. Amazon Cognito sends this password only if the user has at least one verified contact method.
- Sign in by using an email address or phone number as an alias. If you configure your user pool to allow these aliases, then a user can sign in with an alias only if the alias is verified. For more information, see Overview of Aliases (p. 209).
- 6. Choose **Save changes**.

# Authentication Flow with Email or Phone Verification

If your user pool requires users to verify their contact information, your app must facilitate the following flow when a user signs up:

- 1. A user signs up in your app by entering a username, phone number and/or email address, and possibly other attributes.
- 2. The Amazon Cognito service receives the sign-up request from the app. After verifying that the request contains all attributes required for sign-up, the service completes the sign-up process and sends a confirmation code to the user's phone (via SMS) or email. The code is valid for 24 hours
- 3. The service returns to the app that sign-up is complete and that the user account is pending confirmation. The response contains information about where the confirmation code was sent. At this point the user's account is in an unconfirmed state, and the user's email address and phone number are unverified.
- 4. The app can now prompt the user to enter the confirmation code. It is not necessary for the user to enter the code immediately. However, the user will not be able to sign in until after they enter the confirmation code.
- 5. The user enters the confirmation code in the app.
- 6. The app calls ConfirmSignUp to send the code to the Amazon Cognito service, which verifies the code and, if the code is correct, sets the user's account to the confirmed state. After successfully confirming the user account, the Amazon Cognito service automatically marks the attribute that was used to confirm (email or phone number) as verified. Unless the value of this attribute is changed, the user will not have to verify it again.
- 7. At this point the user's account is in a confirmed state, and the user can sign in.

# If You Require Users to Confirm Both Email Addresses and Phone Numbers

Amazon Cognito verifies only one contact method when a user signs up. In cases where Amazon Cognito must choose between verifying an email address or phone number, it chooses to verify the phone number by sending a verification code through SMS. For example, if you configure your user pool to allow users to verify either email addresses or phone numbers, and if your app provides both of these attributes upon sign-up, Amazon Cognito verifies only the phone number. After a user verifies his or her phone number, Amazon Cognito sets the user's status to CONFIRMED, and the user is allowed to sign in to your app.

After the user signs in, your app can provide the option to verify the contact method that wasn't verified during sign-up. To verify this second method, your app calls the VerifyUserAttribute API action. Note that this action requires an AccessToken parameter, and Amazon Cognito only provides access tokens for authenticated users. Therefore, you can verify the second contact method only after the user signs in.

If you require your users to verify both email addresses and phone numbers, do the following:

1. Configure your user pool to allow users to verify email address or phone numbers.

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- 2. In the sign-up flow for your app, require users to provide both an email address and a phone number. Call the SignUp API action, and provide the email address and phone number for the UserAttributes parameter. At this point, Amazon Cognito sends a verification code to the user's phone.
- 3. In your app interface, present a confirmation page where the user enters the verification code. Confirm the user by calling the ConfirmSignUp API action. At this point, the user's status is CONFIRMED, and the user's phone number is verified, but the email address is not verified.
- 4. Present the sign-in page, and authenticate the user by calling the InitiateAuth API action. After the user is authenticated, Amazon Cognito returns an access token to your app.
- 5. Call the GetUserAttributeVerificationCode API action. Specify the following parameters in the request:
  - AccessToken The access token returned by Amazon Cognito when the user signed in.
  - AttributeName Specify "email" as the attribute value.

Amazon Cognito sends a verification code to the user's email address.

- 6. Present a confirmation page where the user enters the verification code. When the user submits the code, call the VerifyUserAttribute API action. Specify the following parameters in the request:
  - AccessToken The access token returned by Amazon Cognito when the user signed in.
  - AttributeName Specify "email" as the attribute value.
  - Code The verification code that the user provided.

At this point, the email address is verified.

# Allowing Users to Sign Up in Your App but Confirming Them as Administrator

- 1. A user signs up in your app by entering a username, phone number and/or email address, and possibly other attributes.
- 2. The Amazon Cognito service receives the sign-up request from the app. After verifying that the request contains all attributes required for sign-up, the service completes the sign-up process and returns to the app that sign-up is complete, pending confirmation. At this point the user's account is in an unconfirmed state. The user cannot sign in until the account is confirmed.
- 3. The administrator confirms the user's account, either in the Amazon Cognito console (by finding the user account in the Users tab and choosing the Confirm button) or in the CLI (by using the admin-confirm-sign-up command). Both the Confirm button and the admin-confirm-sign-up command use the AdminConfirmSignUp API to perform the confirmation.
- 4. At this point the user's account is in a confirmed state, and the user can sign in.

# Computing SecretHash Values

The following Amazon Cognito User Pools APIs have a SecretHash parameter:

- ConfirmForgotPassword
- ConfirmSignUp
- ForgotPassword
- ResendConfirmationCode
- SignUp

The SecretHash value is a Base 64-encoded keyed-hash message authentication code (HMAC) calculated using the secret key of a user pool client and username plus the client ID in the message. The following pseudocode shows how this value is calculated. In this pseudocode, + indicates concatenation, HMAC\_SHA256 represents a function that produces an HMAC value using HmacSHA256, and Base64 represents a function that produces Base-64-encoded version of the hash output.

```
Base64 ( HMAC_SHA256 ( "Client Secret Key", "Username" + "Client Id" ) )
```

Alternatively, you can use the following code example in your server-side Java application code:

```
import javax.crypto.Mac;
import javax.crypto.spec.SecretKeySpec;
public static String calculateSecretHash(String userPoolClientId, String
userPoolClientSecret, String userName) {
    final String HMAC_SHA256_ALGORITHM = "HmacSHA256";
    SecretKeySpec signingKey = new SecretKeySpec(
            userPoolClientSecret.getBytes(StandardCharsets.UTF_8),
            HMAC SHA256 ALGORITHM);
    try {
       Mac mac = Mac.getInstance(HMAC_SHA256_ALGORITHM);
       mac.init(signingKey);
       mac.update(userName.getBytes(StandardCharsets.UTF 8));
       byte[] rawHmac = mac.doFinal(userPoolClientId.getBytes(StandardCharsets.UTF_8));
       return Base64.getEncoder().encodeToString(rawHmac);
    } catch (Exception e) {
       throw new RuntimeException("Error while calculating ");
```

# Confirming User Accounts Without Verifying Email or Phone Number

The Pre-Sign Up Lambda trigger can be used to auto-confirm user accounts at sign-up time, without requiring a confirmation code or verifying email or phone number. Users who are confirmed this way can immediately sign in without having to receive a code.

You can also mark a user's email or phone number verified through this trigger.

#### Note

While this approach is convenient for users when they're getting started, we recommend autoverifying at least one of email or phone number. Otherwise the user can be left unable to recover if they forget their password.

If you don't require the user to receive and enter a confirmation code at sign-up and you don't autoverify email and phone number in the Pre-Sign Up Lambda trigger, you risk not having a verified email address or phone number for that user account. The user can verify the email address or phone number at a later time. However, if the user forgets his or her password and doesn't have a verified email address or phone number, the user is locked out of the account, because the Forgot Password flow requires a verified email or phone number in order to send a verification code to the user.

# Verifying When Users Change Their Email or Phone Number

When a user changes his or her email address or phone number in your app, that attribute is marked as unverified. If auto-verification was enabled for the attribute being updated, the service immediately sends the user a message containing a verification code, which the user should enter to verify

the change. You can use a Custom Message Lambda trigger to customize this message. For more information, see Customizing User Pool Workflows with Lambda Triggers (p. 121). Whenever the user's email address or phone number is unverified, your app should display the unverified status and provide a button or link for users to verify their new email or phone number.

# Confirmation and Verification Processes for User Accounts Created by Administrators or Developers

User accounts that are created by an administrator or developer are already in the confirmed state, so users aren't required to enter a confirmation code. The invitation message that the Amazon Cognito service sends to these users includes the username and a temporary password. The user is required to change the password before signing in. For more information, see the Message Customizations Tab (p. 170) in Creating User Accounts as Administrator (p. 168) and the Custom Message trigger in Customizing User Pool Workflows with Lambda Triggers (p. 121).

# Confirmation and Verification Processes for Imported User Accounts

User accounts that are created by using the user import feature in the AWS Management Console, CLI, or API (see Importing Users into User Pools From a CSV File (p. 177)) are already in the confirmed state, so users aren't required to enter a confirmation code. No invitation message is sent. However, imported user accounts require users to first request a code by calling the ForgotPassword API and then create a password using the delivered code by calling ConfirmForgotPassword API before they sign in. For more information, see Requiring Imported Users to Reset Their Passwords (p. 186).

Either the user's email or phone number must be marked as verified when the user account is imported, so no verification is required when the user signs in.

# Sending Emails While Testing Your App

Amazon Cognito emails your users when they create and manage their accounts in the client app for your user pool. If you configure your user pool to require email verification, Amazon Cognito sends an email when:

- A user signs up.
- A user updates their email address.
- A user performs an action that calls the ForgotPassword API action.
- · You create a user account as an administrator.

Depending on the action that initiates the email, the email contains a verification code or a temporary password. Your users must receive these emails and understand the message. Otherwise, they might be unable to sign in and use your app.

To ensure that emails send successfully and that the message looks correct, test the actions in your app that initiate email deliveries from Amazon Cognito. For example, by using the sign-up page in your app, or by using the SignUp API action, you can initiate an email by signing up with a test email address. When you test in this way, remember the following:

#### **Important**

When you use an email address to test actions that initiate emails from Amazon Cognito, don't use a fake email address (one that has no mailbox). Use a real email address that will receive the email from Amazon Cognito without creating a *hard bounce*.

A hard bounce occurs when Amazon Cognito fails to deliver the email to the recipient's mailbox, which always happens if the mailbox doesn't exist.

Amazon Cognito limits the number of emails that can be sent by AWS accounts that persistently incur hard bounces.

When you test actions that initiate emails, use one of the following email addresses to prevent hard bounces:

- An address for an email account that you own and use for testing. When you use your own email
  address, you receive the email that Amazon Cognito sends. With this email, you can use the verification
  code to test the sign-up experience in your app. If you customized the email message for your user
  pool, you can check that your customizations look correct.
- The mailbox simulator address, *success@simulator.amazonses.com*. If you use the simulator address, Amazon Cognito sends the email successfully, but you're not able to view it. This option is useful when you don't need to use the verification code and you don't need to check the email message.
- The mailbox simulator address with the addition of an arbitrary label, such as *success* +user1@simulator.amazonses.com or success+user2@simulator.amazonses.com. Amazon Cognito emails these addresses successfully, but you're not able to view the emails that it sends. This option is useful when you want to test the sign-up process by adding multiple test users to your user pool, and each test user has a unique email address.

# Creating User Accounts as Administrator

After you create your user pool, you can create users using the AWS Management Console, as well as the AWS Command Line Interface or the Amazon Cognito API. You can create a profile for a new user in a user pool and send a welcome message with sign-up instructions to the user via SMS or email.

Developers and administrators can perform the following tasks:

- Create a new user profile by using the AWS Management Console or by calling the AdminCreateUser API.
- Specify the temporary password or allow Amazon Cognito to automatically generate one.
- Specify whether provided email addresses and phone numbers are marked as verified for new users.
- Specify custom SMS and email invitation messages for new users via the AWS Management Console or a Custom Message Lambda trigger. For more information, see Customizing User Pool Workflows with Lambda Triggers (p. 121).
- Specify whether invitation messages are sent via SMS, email, or both.
- Resend the welcome message to an existing user by calling the AdminCreateUser API, specifying RESEND for the MessageAction parameter.

#### Note

This action cannot currently be performed using the AWS Management Console.

- Suppress the sending of the invitation message when the user is created.
- Specify an expiration time limit for the user account (up to 90 days).
- Allow users to sign themselves up or require that new users only be added by the administrator.

For code examples, see the following topics:

- Example: Handling Users Created Using the AdminCreateUser API in the Mobile SDK for Android (p. 57)
- Examples: Using User Pools with the iOS SDK (p. 64)
- Example: Authenticate and Set a New Password for a User Created with the AdminCreateUser API in the SDK for JavaScript (p. 37)

# Authentication Flow for Users Created by Administrators or Developers

The authentication flow for these users includes the extra step to submit the new password and provide any missing values for required attributes. The steps are outlined next; steps 5, 6, and 7 are specific to these users.

- 1. The user starts to sign in for the first time by submitting the username and password provided to him or her.
- 2. The SDK calls InitiateAuth(Username, USER\_SRP\_AUTH).
- Amazon Cognito returns the PASSWORD\_VERIFIER challenge with Salt & Secret block.
- 4. The SDK performs the SRP calculations and calls RespondToAuthChallenge(Username, <SRP variables>, PASSWORD\_VERIFIER).
- 5. Amazon Cognito returns the NEW\_PASSWORD\_REQUIRED challenge along with the current and required attributes.
- 6. The user is prompted and enters a new password and any missing values for required attributes.
- The SDK calls RespondToAuthChallenge(Username, <New password>, <User attributes>).
- 8. If the user requires a second factor for MFA, Amazon Cognito returns the SMS\_MFA challenge and the code is submitted.
- 9. After the user has successfully changed his or her password and optionally provided attributed values or completed MFA, the user is signed in and tokens are issued.

When the user has satisfied all challenges, the Amazon Cognito service marks the user as confirmed and issues ID, access, and refresh tokens for the user. For more information, see Using Tokens with User Pools (p. 195).

# Creating a New User in the AWS Management Console

The Amazon Cognito console for managing user pools has been updated to support this feature, as shown next.

# **Policies Tab**

The **Policies** tab has these related settings:

· Specify whether to allow users to sign themselves up. This option is set by default.



Specify user account expiration time limit (in days) for new accounts. The default setting is 7 days,
measured from the time when the user account is created. The maximum setting is 90 days. After
the account expires, the user cannot log in to the account until the administrator updates the user's
profile.

#### Note

Once the user has logged in, the account never expires.

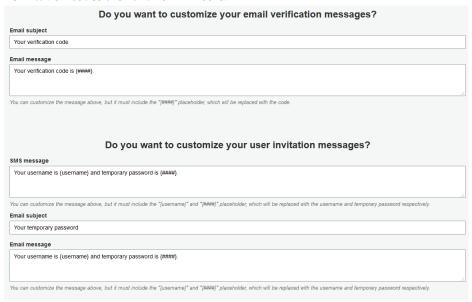


# Message Customizations Tab

The **Message Customizations** tab includes templates for specifying custom email verification messages and custom user invitation messages.

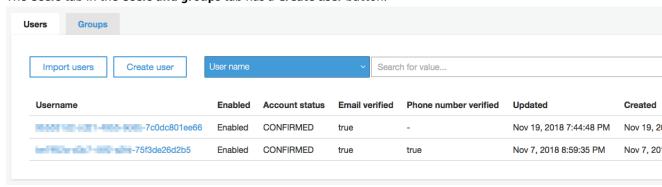
For email (verification messages or user invitation messages), the maximum length for the message is 2048 UTF-8 characters, including the verification code or temporary password. For SMS, the maximum length is 140 UTF-8 characters, including the verification code or temporary password.

Verification codes are valid for 24 hours.



# **Users Tab**

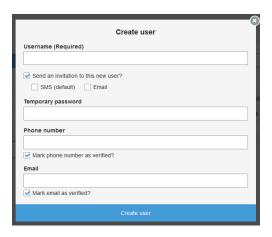
The Users tab in the Users and groups tab has a Create user button.



When you choose **Create user**, a **Create user** form appears, which you can use to enter information about the new user. Only the **Username** field is required.

#### Note

For user accounts that you create by using the **Create user** form in the AWS Management Console, only the attributes shown in the form can be set in the AWS Management Console. Other attributes must be set by using the AWS Command Line Interface or the Amazon Cognito API, even if you have marked them as required attributes.



# Adding Groups to a User Pool

Support for groups in Amazon Cognito user pools enables you to create and manage groups, add users to groups, and remove users from groups. Use groups to create collections of users to manage their permissions or to represent different types of users. You can assign an AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM) role to a group to define the permissions for members of a group.

You can use groups to create a collection of users in a user pool, which is often done to set the permissions for those users. For example, you can create separate groups for users who are readers, contributors, and editors of your website and app. Using the IAM role associated with a group, you can also set different permissions for those different groups so that only contributors can put content into Amazon S3 and only editors can publish content through an API in Amazon API Gateway.

You can create and manage groups in a user pool from the AWS Management Console, the APIs, and the CLI. As a developer (using AWS credentials), you can create, read, update, delete, and list the groups for a user pool. You can also add users and remove users from groups.

There is no additional cost for using groups within a user pool. See Amazon Cognito Pricing for more information.

You can see this feature used in the SpaceFinder reference app.

# **Assigning IAM Roles to Groups**

You can use groups to control permissions to access your resources in AWS by assigning an IAM role for the users within a group. When you create a group, you can specify the IAM role for users in that group by providing a role ARN for the group. IAM roles have associated policies that define the resources and actions that are allowed and denied for users. IAM roles and their permissions are tied to the temporary AWS credentials that Amazon Cognito identity pools provide for authenticated users. Users in a group are automatically assigned the IAM role for the group when AWS credentials are provided by Amazon Cognito Federated Identities using the **Choose role from token** option.

Individual users can be in multiple groups. As a developer, you have the following options for automatically choosing the IAM role when a user is in multiple groups:

- You can assign precedence values to each group. The group with the better (lower) precedence will be chosen and its associated IAM role will be applied.
- Your app can also choose from among the available roles when requesting AWS credentials for a user through an identity pool, by specifying a role ARN in the GetCredentialsForIdentity CustomRoleARN parameter. The specified IAM role must match a role that is available to the user.

# **Assigning Precedence Values to Groups**

A user can belong to more than one group. In the user's ID token, the cognito: groups claim contains the list of all the groups a user belongs to. The cognito:roles claim contains the list of roles corresponding to the groups.

Because a user can belong to more than one group, each group can be assigned a precedence. This is a non-negative number that specifies the precedence of this group relative to the other groups that a user can belong to in the user pool. Zero is the top precedence value. Groups with lower precedence values take precedence over groups with higher or null precedence values. If a user belongs to two or more groups, it is the group with the lowest precedence value whose IAM role is applied to the cognito:preferred\_role claim in the user's ID token.

Two groups can have the same precedence value. If this happens, neither group takes precedence over the other. If two groups with the same precedence value have the same role ARN, that role is used in the cognito:preferred\_role claim in ID tokens for users in each group. If the two groups have different role ARNs, the cognito:preferred\_role claim is not set in users' ID tokens.

# Using Groups to Control Permission with Amazon API Gateway

You can use groups in a user pool to control permission with Amazon API Gateway. The groups that a user is a member of are included in the ID token provided by a user pool when a user signs in. You can submit those ID tokens with requests to Amazon API Gateway, use a custom authorizer Lambda function to verify the token, and then inspect which groups a user belongs to. See this blog post for an example of using user pool tokens with an Amazon API Gateway custom authorizer.

# **Limitations on Groups**

User groups are subject to the following limitations:

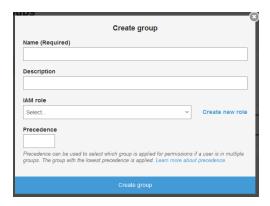
- The number of groups you can create is limited by the Amazon Cognito service limits (p. 318).
- · Groups cannot be nested.
- · You cannot search for users in a group.
- You cannot search for groups by name, but you can list groups.
- · Only groups with no members can be deleted.

# Creating a New Group in the AWS Management Console

The Groups tab in the Users and groups tab has a Create group button.



When you choose **Create group**, a **Create group** form appears. This form is where you enter information about the new group. Only the **Name** field is required. If you are integrating a user pool with an identity pool, the **IAM role** setting determines which role is assigned in the user's ID token if the identity pool is configured to choose the role from the token. If you don't have roles already defined, choose **Create new role**. If you have more than one group, and your users can be assigned to more than one group, you can set a **Precedence** value for each group. The precedence value can be any non-negative integer. Zero is the top precedence value.



# Managing and Searching for User Accounts

Once you create your user pool, you can view and manage users using the AWS Management Console, as well as the AWS Command Line Interface or the Amazon Cognito API. This topic describes how you can view and search for users using the AWS Management Console.

# **Viewing User Attributes**

There are a number of operations you can perform in the AWS Management Console:

- You can view the **Pool details** and edit user pool attributes, password policies, MFA settings, apps, and triggers. For more information, see User Pools Reference (AWS Management Console) (p. 206).
- · You can view the users in your user pool and drill down for more details.
- You can also view the details for an individual user in your user pool.
- · You can also search for a user in your user pool.

## To manage user pools using the AWS Management Console

- From the Amazon Cognito home page in the AWS Management Console, choose Manage your user identities.
- 2. Choose your user pool from the Your User Pools page.
- 3. Choose **User and Groups** to view user information.
- 4. Choose a user name to show more information about an individual user. From this screen, you can perform any of the following actions:
  - · Add user to group
  - Reset user password
  - Confirm user
  - · Enable or disable MFA
  - Delete user

The **Reset user password** action results in a confirmation code being sent to the user immediately and disables the user's current password by changing the user state to RESET\_REQUIRED. The **Enable MFA** action results in a confirmation code being sent to the user when the user tries to log in. The **Reset user password** code is valid for 1 hour. The MFA code is valid for 3 minutes.

# **Searching User Attributes**

If you have already created a user pool, you can search from the **Users** panel in the AWS Management Console. You can also use the Amazon Cognito ListUsers API, which accepts a **Filter** parameter.

You can search for any of the following standard attributes. Custom attributes are not searchable.

- · username (case-sensitive)
- email
- phone\_number
- name
- given\_name
- family\_name
- preferred\_username
- cognito:user\_status (called Status in the Console) (case-insensitive)
- status (called Enabled in the Console) (case-sensitive)
- sub

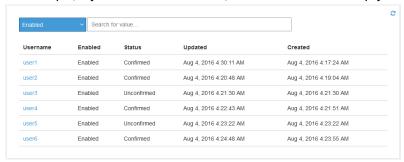
# Searching for Users Using the AWS Management Console

If you have already created a user pool, you can search from the **Users** panel in the AWS Management Console.

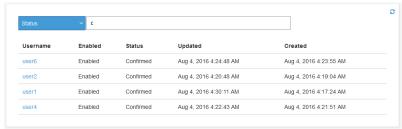
AWS Management Console searches are always prefix ("starts with") searches.

All of the following examples use the same user pool.

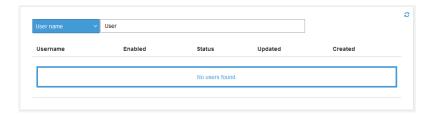
For example, if you want to list all users, leave the search box empty.



If you want to search for all confirmed users, choose **Status** from the drop-down menu. In the search box, type the first letter of the word "confirmed."



Note that some attribute values are case-sensitive, such as **User name**.



# Searching for Users Using the ListUsers API

To search for users from your app, use the Amazon Cognito ListUsers API. This API uses the following parameters:

- AttributesToGet: An array of strings, where each string is the name of a user attribute to be returned for each user in the search results. If the array is empty, all attributes are returned.
- Filter: A filter string of the form "AttributeName Filter-Type "AttributeValue"". Quotation marks within the filter string must be escaped using the backslash (\) character. For example, "family\_name = \"Reddy\"". If the filter string is empty, ListUsers returns all users in the user pool.
  - AttributeName: The name of the attribute to search for. You can only search for one attribute at a time.

#### Note

You can only search for standard attributes. Custom attributes are not searchable. This is because only indexed attributes are searchable, and custom attributes cannot be indexed.

- Filter-Type: For an exact match, use =, for example, given\_name = "Jon". For a prefix ("starts with") match, use ^=, for example, given\_name ^= "Jon".
- AttributeValue: The attribute value that must be matched for each user.
- Limit: Maximum number of users to be returned.
- PaginationToken: A token to get more results from a previous search.
- UserPoolId: The user pool ID for the user pool on which the search should be performed.

All searches are case-insensitive. Search results are sorted by the attribute named by the AttributeName string, in ascending order.

# Examples of Using the ListUsers API

The following example returns all users and includes all attributes.

```
{
   "AttributesToGet": [],
   "Filter": "",
   "Limit": 10,
   "UserPoolId": "us-east-1_samplepool"
}
```

The following example returns all users whose phone numbers start with "+1312" and includes all attributes.

```
{
    "AttributesToGet": [],
    "Filter": "phone_number ^= \"+1312\"",
    "Limit": 10,
```

```
"UserPoolId": "us-east-1_samplepool"
}
```

The following example returns the first 10 users whose family name is "Reddy". For each user, the search results include the user's given name, phone number, and email address. If there are more than 10 matching users in the user pool, the response includes a pagination token.

If the previous example returns a pagination token, the following example returns the next 10 users that match the same filter string.

```
"AttributesToGet": [
        "given_name", "phone_number", "email"
],
    "Filter": "family_name = \"Reddy\"",
    "Limit": 10,
    "PaginationToken": "pagination_token_from_previous_search",
    "UserPoolId": "us-east-1_samplepool"
}
```

# Importing Users into a User Pool

There are two ways you can import or migrate users from your existing user directory or user database into Amazon Cognito User Pools. You can migrate users when they sign-in using Amazon Cognito for the first time with a user migration Lambda trigger. With this approach, users can continue using their existing passwords and will not have to reset them after the migration to your user pool. Alternatively, you can migrate users in bulk by uploading a CSV file containing the user profile attributes for all users. The following sections describe both these approaches.

#### **Topics**

- Importing Users into User Pools With a User Migration Lambda Trigger (p. 176)
- Importing Users into User Pools From a CSV File (p. 177)

# Importing Users into User Pools With a User Migration Lambda Trigger

This approach enables seamless migration of users from your existing user directory to user pools when they use your new Amazon Cognito-enabled app for the first time, either during their first sign-in or during the forgot-password process. This migration is enabled by a user migration Lambda function which you need to configure in your user pool. For details on this Lambda trigger including request and response parameters, and example code see Migrate User Lambda Trigger Parameters (p. 152).

Before starting the user migration process, create a user migration Lambda function in your AWS account, and configure your user pool to use this Lambda function ARN for the user migration trigger. Add an authorization policy to your Lambda function to enable only the Amazon Cognito service account principal ("cognito-idp.amazonaws.com") and your user pool's SourceARN to invoke it, to prevent any

other AWS customer's user pool from invoking your Lambda function. For more information, see Using Resource-Based Policies for AWS Lambda (Lambda Function Policies).

# Steps during sign-in

- 1. The user opens your app and signs-in with the native sign-in UI screens from your app using the Cognito Identity Provider APIs from an AWS Mobile SDK, or using the hosted sign-in UI provided by Amazon Cognito that you leverage with the Amazon Cognito Auth SDK.
- 2. Your app sends the username and password to Amazon Cognito. If your app has a native sign-in UI and uses the Cognito Identity Provider SDK, your app must use the USER\_PASSWORD\_AUTH flow, in which the SDK sends the password to the server (your app must not use the default USER\_SRP\_AUTH flow since the SDK does not send the password to the server in the SRP authentication flow). The USER\_PASSWORD\_AUTH flow is enabled by setting AuthenticationDetails.authenticationType to "USER\_PASSWORD".
- 3. Amazon Cognito checks if the username exists in the user pool, including as an alias for the user's email, phone number, or preferred\_username. If the user does not exist, Amazon Cognito calls your user migration Lambda function with parameters including the username and password, as detailed in Migrate User Lambda Trigger Parameters (p. 152).
- 4. Your user migration Lambda function should authenticate the user with your existing user directory or user database, by calling your existing sign-in service, and it should return user attributes to be stored in the user's profile in the user pool. If you would like users to continue to use their existing passwords, set the attribute finalUserStatus = "CONFIRMED" in the Lambda response. For the required attributes for the response see Migrate User Lambda Trigger Parameters (p. 152).

# **Important**

Do not log the entire request event object in your user migration Lambda code (since that would include the password in the log record sent to the CloudWatch logs), and ensure you sanitize the logs so that passwords are not logged.

- 5. Amazon Cognito creates the user profile in your user pool, and returns tokens to your app client.
- 6. Your app client can now proceed with its normal functionality after sign-in.

After the user is migrated, we recommend that your native mobile apps use the USER\_SRP\_AUTH flow for sign-in. It authenticates the user using the Secure Remote Password (SRP) protocol without sending the password across the network, and provides security benefits over the USER\_PASSWORD\_AUTH flow used during migration.

In case of errors during migration, including client device or network issues, your app will get error responses from the Amazon Cognito User Pools API, and the user account might or might not have been created in your user pool. The user should then attempt sign-in again, and if that fails repeatedly, then attempt to reset his or her password using the forgot-password flow in your app.

The forgot-password flow works in a similar way, except that no password is provided to your user migration Lambda function, and your function only looks up the user in your existing user directory, and returns attributes to be stored in your user pool. Then Amazon Cognito sends the user a reset password code by email or SMS, and the user can then set a new password in your app. If your app has a native UI, it needs to provide screens for the forgot-password flow. If your app uses the Amazon Cognito hosted UI, then we provide the UI screens.

# Importing Users into User Pools From a CSV File

You can import users into an Amazon Cognito user pool. The user information is imported from a specially formatted .csv file. The import process sets values for all user attributes except **password**. Password import is not supported, because security best practices require that passwords are not available as plain text, and we don't support importing hashes. This means that your users must change their passwords the first time they sign in. So, your users will be in a RESET\_REQUIRED state when imported using this method.

#### Note

The creation date for each user is the time when that user was imported into the user pool. Creation date is not one of the imported attributes.

## The basic steps are:

- 1. Create an Amazon CloudWatch Logs role in the AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM) console.
- 2. Create the user import .csv file.
- 3. Create and run the user import job.
- 4. Upload the user import .csv file.
- 5. Start and run the user import job.
- Use CloudWatch to check the event log.
- 7. Require the imported users to reset their passwords.

#### **Topics**

- Creating the CloudWatch Logs IAM Role (p. 178)
- Creating the User Import .csv File (p. 179)
- Creating and Running the Amazon Cognito User Pool Import Job (p. 181)
- Viewing the User Pool Import Results in the CloudWatch Console (p. 185)
- Requiring Imported Users to Reset Their Passwords (p. 186)

# Creating the CloudWatch Logs IAM Role

If you're using the Amazon Cognito CLI or API, then you need to create a CloudWatch IAM role. The following procedure describes how to enable Amazon Cognito to record information in CloudWatch Logs about your user pool import job.

#### Note

You don't need to use this procedure if you are using the Amazon Cognito console, because the console creates the role for you.

## To create the CloudWatch Logs IAM Role for user pool import

- Sign in to the AWS Management Console and open the IAM console at https:// console.aws.amazon.com/iam/.
- 2. Choose Roles.
- 3. Choose Create New Role.
- 4. Type a role name and choose **Next Step**.
- 5. In **Select Role Type**, choose **Amazon EC2**. You can choose any role type; you'll change this setting in a later step. This is because you can't create an IAM role from scratch; you can only use an existing IAM role as a template and overwrite it to make the role you need.
- 6. In Attach Policy, choose Next Step.
- 7. In Review, choose Create Role.
- 8. In Roles, choose the role you just created.
- 9. In **Summary**, choose **Permissions**.
- 10. On the Permissions tab, choose Inline Policies, and then choose click here.
- 11. In **Set Permissions**, choose **custom policy**, and then choose **select**.
- 12. In **Review Policy**, type a policy name (no spaces) and copy/paste the following text as your role access policy, replacing any existing text:

{

- 13. Choose Apply Policy.
- 14. In **Summary**, choose the **Trust Relationships** tab.
- 15. Choose Edit Trust Relationship.
- 16. Copy/paste the following trust relationship text into the **Policy Document** text box, replacing any existing text:

- 17. Choose **Update Trust Policy**. You are now finished creating the role.
- 18. Note the role ARN. You need this later when you're creating an import job.

# Creating the User Import .csv File

Before you can import your existing users into your user pool, you must create a .csv file that serves as the input. To do this, you download the user import .csv header information, and then you edit the file to match the formatting requirements outlined in Formatting the .csv File (p. 180).

# Downloading the .csv File Header By Using the AWS Management Console

- Navigate to the Amazon Cognito console, choose Manage User Pools, and then choose the user pool
  that you are importing the users into.
- 2. Choose the **Users** tab.
- 3. Choose Import users.
- 4. Choose **Download CSV header** to get a .csv file containing the header row that you must include in your .csv file.

## Downloading the .csv File Header By Using the CLI

To get a list of the correct headers, run the following CLI command, where <u>USER\_POOL\_ID</u> is the user pool identifier for the user pool you'll import users into:

```
aws cognito-idp get-csv-header --user-pool-id "USER_POOL_ID"
```

#### Sample response:

```
"CSVHeader": [
        "name",
        "given_name",
        "family_name",
        "middle_name",
        "nickname",
        "preferred username",
        "profile",
        "picture",
        "website",
        "email",
        "email verified",
        "gender",
        "birthdate",
        "zoneinfo",
        "locale",
        "phone_number",
        "phone_number_verified",
        "address",
        "updated at",
        "cognito:mfa_enabled",
        "cognito:username"
    ٦,
    "UserPoolId": "USER_POOL_ID"
}
```

# Formatting the .csv File

The downloaded user import .csv header file looks like this:

```
cognito:username,name,given_name,family_name,middle_name,nickname,preferred_username,profile,picture,we
```

You'll need to edit your .csv file so that it includes this header and the attribute values for your users and is formatted according to the following rules.

#### Note

For more information about attribute values, such as proper format for phone numbers, see Configuring User Pool Attributes (p. 207).

- The first line in the file is the downloaded header row that contains the user attribute names.
- The order of columns in the .csv file doesn't matter.
- Each line after the first line contains the attribute values for a user.
- · All columns in the header must be present, but you don't need to provide values in every column.
- The following attributes are required:
  - · cognito:username
  - · cognito:mfa\_enabled
  - email\_verified or phone\_number\_verified
  - email (if email\_verified is true)
  - phone\_number (if phone\_number\_verified is true)
  - · Any attributes that you marked as required when you created the user pool

The user pool must have at least one auto-verified attribute, either email\_verified or
phone\_number\_verified. At least one of the auto-verified attributes must be true for each user. If the
user pool has no auto-verified attributes, the import job will not start. If the user pool only has one
auto-verified attribute, that attribute must be verified for each user. For example, if the user pool has
only phone\_number as an auto-verified attribute, the phone\_number\_verified value must be true
for each user.

#### Note

In order for users to reset their passwords, they must have a verified email or phone number. Amazon Cognito sends a message containing a reset password code to the email or phone number specified in the .csv file. If the message is sent to the phone number, it is sent via SMS.

- Attribute values that are strings should *not* be in quotation marks.
- If an attribute value contains a comma, you must put a backslash (\) before the comma. This is because the fields in a .csv file are separated by commas.
- The .csv file contents should be in UTF-8 format without byte order mark.
- The **cognito:username** field is required and must be unique within your user pool. It can be any Unicode string. However, it cannot contain spaces or tabs.
- The **birthdate** values, if present, must be in the format *mm/dd/yyyy*. This means, for example, that a birthdate of February 1, 1985 must be encoded as 02/01/1985.
- The cognito:mfa\_enabled field is required. If you've set multi-factor authentication (MFA) to be required in your user pool, this field must be true for all users. If you've set MFA to be off, this field must be false for all users. If you've set MFA to be optional, this field can be either true or false, but it cannot be empty.
- The maximum line length is 16,000 characters.
- The maximum .csv file size is 100 MB.
- The maximum number of lines (users) in the file is 500,000, not including the header.
- The updated\_at field value is expected to be epoch time in seconds, for example: 1471453471.
- · Any leading or trailing white space in an attribute value will be trimmed.

A complete sample user import .csv file looks like this:

```
cognito:username,name,given_name,family_name,middle_name,nickname,preferred_username,profile,picture,well_John,John,Doe,,,,,,johndoe@example.com,TRUE,,02/01/1985,,,+12345550100,TRUE,123 Any Street,,FALSE
Jane,,Jane,Roe,,,,,,janeroe@example.com,TRUE,,01/01/1985,,,+12345550199,TRUE,100 Main Street,,FALSE
```

# Creating and Running the Amazon Cognito User Pool Import Job

This section describes how to create and run the user pool import job by using the Amazon Cognito console and the AWS Command Line Interface.

# **Topics**

- Importing Users from a .csv File By Using the Amazon Cognito Console (p. 181)
- Importing Users By Using the AWS CLI (p. 182)

# Importing Users from a .csv File By Using the Amazon Cognito Console

The following procedure describes how to import the users from the .csv file.

## To import users from the .csv file by using the Amazon Cognito console

1. Choose Create import job.

- 2. Type a **Job name**. Job names can contain uppercase and lowercase letters (a-z, A-Z), numbers (0-9), and the following special characters: + = , . @ and -.
- 3. If this is your first time creating a user import job, the AWS Management Console will automatically create an IAM role for you. Otherwise, you can choose an existing role from the IAM Role list or let the AWS Management Console create a new role for you.
- 4. Choose **Upload CSV** and select the .csv file to import users from.
- Choose Create job.
- 6. To start the job, choose **Start**.

# Importing Users By Using the AWS CLI

The following CLI commands are available for importing users into a user pool:

- create-user-import-job
- get-csv-header
- describe-user-import-job
- list-user-import-jobs
- start-user-import-job
- stop-user-import-job

To get the list of command-line options for these commands, use the help command-line option. For example:

```
aws cognito-idp get-csv-header help
```

# Creating a User Import Job

After you create your .csv file, create a user import job by running the following CLI command, where JOB\_NAME is the name you're choosing for the job, USER\_POOL\_ID is the same user pool ID as before, and ROLE\_ARN is the role ARN you received in Creating the CloudWatch Logs IAM Role (p. 178):

```
aws cognito-idp create-user-import-job --job-name "JOB_NAME" --user-pool-id "USER_POOL_ID" --cloud-watch-logs-role-arn "ROLE_ARN"
```

The <u>PRE\_SIGNED\_URL</u> returned in the response is valid for 15 minutes. After that time, it will expire and you must create a new user import job to get a new URL.

Sample response:

```
{
    "UserImportJob": {
        "Status": "Created",
        "SkippedUsers": 0,
        "UserPoolId": "USER_POOL_ID",
        "ImportedUsers": 0,
        "JobName": "JOB_NAME",
        "JobId": "JOB_ID",
        "PreSignedUrl": "PRE_SIGNED_URL",
        "CloudWatchLogsRoleArn": "ROLE_ARN",
        "FailedUsers": 0,
        "CreationDate": 1470957431.965
}
```

#### Status Values for a User Import Job

In the responses to your user import commands, you'll see one of the following Status values:

- "Created" The job was created but not started.
- "Pending" A transition state. You have started the job, but it has not begun importing users yet.
- "InProgress" The job has started, and users are being imported.
- "Stopping" You have stopped the job, but the job has not stopped importing users yet.
- "Stopped" You have stopped the job, and the job has stopped importing users.
- "Succeeded" The job has completed successfully.
- "Failed" The job has stopped due to an error.
- "Expired" You created a job, but did not start the job within 24-48 hours. All data associated with the job was deleted, and the job cannot be started.

# Uploading the .csv File

Use the following curl command to upload the .csv file containing your user data to the pre-signed URL that you obtained from the response of the create-user-import-job command.

```
curl -v -T "PATH_TO_CSV_FILE" -H
"x-amz-server-side-encryption:aws:kms" "PRE_SIGNED_URL"
```

In the output of this command, look for the phrase "We are completely uploaded and fine". This phrase indicates that the file was uploaded successfully.

# Describing a User Import Job

To get a description of your user import job, use the following command, where <u>USER\_POOL\_ID</u> is your user pool ID, and <u>JOB\_ID</u> is the job ID that was returned when you created the user import job.

```
aws cognito-idp describe-user-import-job --user-pool-id "USER_POOL_ID" --job-id "JOB_ID"
```

#### Sample response:

```
"UserImportJob": {
    "Status": "Created",
    "SkippedUsers": 0,
    "UserPoolId": "USER_POOL_ID",
    "ImportedUsers": 0,
    "JobName": "JOB_NAME",
    "JobId": "JOB_ID",
    "PreSignedUrl": "PRE_SIGNED_URL",
    "CloudWatchLogsRoleArn": "ROLE_ARN",
    "FailedUsers": 0,
    "CreationDate": 1470957431.965
}
```

In the preceding sample output, the <u>PRE\_SIGNED\_URL</u> is the URL that you uploaded the .csv file to. The <u>ROLE\_ARN</u> is the CloudWatch Logs role ARN that you received when you created the role.

## **Listing Your User Import Jobs**

To list your user import jobs, use the following command:

```
aws cognito-idp list-user-import-jobs --user-pool-id "USER_POOL_ID" --max-results 2
```

#### Sample response:

```
{
    "UserImportJobs": [
       {
            "Status": "Created",
            "SkippedUsers": 0,
            "UserPoolId": "USER POOL ID",
            "ImportedUsers": 0,
            "JobName": "JOB_NAME",
            "JobId": "JOB_ID",
            "PreSignedUrl": "PRE_SIGNED_URL",
            "CloudWatchLogsRoleArn": "ROLE_ARN",
            "FailedUsers": 0,
            "CreationDate": 1470957431.965
        },
            "CompletionDate": 1470954227.701,
            "StartDate": 1470954226.086,
            "Status": "Failed",
            "UserPoolId": "USER_POOL_ID",
            "ImportedUsers": 0,
            "SkippedUsers": 0,
            "JobName": "JOB_NAME",
            "CompletionMessage": "Too many users have failed or been skipped during the
import.",
            "JobId": "JOB ID",
            "PreSignedUrl": "PRE_SIGNED_URL",
            "CloudWatchLogsRoleArn": "ROLE_ARN",
            "FailedUsers": 5,
            "CreationDate": 1470953929.313
        }
    "PaginationToken": "PAGINATION_TOKEN"
}
```

Jobs are listed in chronological order from last created to first created. The <u>PAGINATION\_TOKEN</u> string after the second job indicates that there are additional results for this list command. To list the additional results, use the --pagination-token option as follows:

```
aws cognito-idp list-user-import-jobs --user-pool-id "USER_POOL_ID" --max-results 10 -- pagination-token "PAGINATION_TOKEN"
```

#### Starting a User Import Job

To start a user import job, use the following command:

```
aws cognito-idp start-user-import-job --user-pool-id "USER_POOL_ID" --job-id "JOB_ID"
```

Only one user import job can be active at a time for a given user pool.

Sample response:

```
"UserImportJob": {
    "Status": "Pending",
    "StartDate": 1470957851.483,
    "UserPoolId": "USER_POOL_ID",
    "ImportedUsers": 0,
    "SkippedUsers": 0,
    "JobName": "JOB_NAME",
    "JobId": "JOB_ID",
```

```
"PreSignedUrl":"PRE_SIGNED_URL",
    "CloudWatchLogsRoleArn": "ROLE_ARN",
    "FailedUsers": 0,
    "CreationDate": 1470957431.965
}
}
```

# Stopping a User Import Job

To stop a user import job while it is in progress, use the following command. After you stop the job, it cannot be restarted.

```
aws cognito-idp stop-user-import-job --user-pool-id "USER_POOL_ID" --job-id "JOB_ID"
```

#### Sample response:

```
{
    "UserImportJob": {
        "CompletionDate": 1470958050.571,
        "StartDate": 1470958047.797,
        "Status": "Stopped",
       "UserPoolId": "USER_POOL_ID",
        "ImportedUsers": 0,
        "SkippedUsers": 0,
        "JobName": "JOB_NAME",
        "CompletionMessage": "The Import Job was stopped by the developer.",
        "JobId": "JOB ID",
        "PreSignedUrl": "PRE SIGNED URL",
        "CloudWatchLogsRoleArn": "ROLE_ARN",
        "FailedUsers": 0,
        "CreationDate": 1470957972.387
    }
}
```

# Viewing the User Pool Import Results in the CloudWatch Console

You can view the results of your import job in the Amazon CloudWatch console.

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- Interpreting the Results (p. 186)

# Viewing the Results

The following steps describe how to view the user pool import results.

# To view the results of the user pool import

- Sign in to the AWS Management Console and open the CloudWatch console at https:// console.aws.amazon.com/cloudwatch/.
- Choose Logs.
- Choose the log group for your user pool import jobs. The log group name is in the form /aws/ cognito/userpools/USER\_POOL\_ID/USER\_POOL\_NAME.
- 4. Choose the log for the user import job you just ran. The log name is in the form JOB\_ID/JOB\_NAME. The results in the log refer to your users by line number. No user data is written to the log. For each user, a line similar to the following appears:
  - [SUCCEEDED] Line Number 5956 The import succeeded.

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- [SKIPPED] Line Number 5956 The user already exists.
- [FAILED] Line Number 5956 The User Record does not set any of the auto verified attributes to true. (Example: email\_verified to true).

# Interpreting the Results

Successfully imported users have their status set to "PasswordReset".

In the following cases, the user will not be imported, but the import job will continue:

- No auto-verified attributes are set to true.
- The user data doesn't match the schema.
- The user couldn't be imported due to an internal error.

In the following cases, the import job will fail:

- The Amazon CloudWatch Logs role cannot be assumed, doesn't have the correct access policy, or has been deleted.
- The user pool has been deleted.
- Amazon Cognito is unable to parse the .csv file.

# Requiring Imported Users to Reset Their Passwords

The first time each imported user signs in, he or she is required to enter a new password as follows:

# Requiring imported users to reset their passwords

- The user attempts to sign in, providing username and password (via GetAuthenticationDetails or InitiateAuth).
- 2. Amazon Cognito returns PasswordResetRequiredException.
- The app should direct the user into the ForgotPassword flow as outlined in the following procedure:
  - a. The app calls ForgotPassword(username).
  - b. Amazon Cognito sends a code to the verified email or phone number (depending on what you have provided in the .csv file for that user) and indicates to the app where the code was sent in the response to the ForgotPassword request.

## Note

For sending reset password codes, it is important that your user pool has phone number or email verification turned on.

- c. The app indicates to the user that a code was sent and where the code was sent, and the app provides a UI to enter the code and a new password.
- d. The user enters the code and new password in the app.
- e. The app calls ConfirmForgotPassword(*code*, *password*), which, if successful, sets the new password.
- f. The app should now direct the user to a sign-in page.

# **Email Settings for Amazon Cognito User Pools**

Certain events in the client app for your user pool might cause Amazon Cognito to email your users. For example, if you configure your user pool to require email verification, Amazon Cognito sends an email

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when a user signs up for a new account in your app or resets their password. Depending on the action that initiates the email, the email contains a verification code or a temporary password.

To handle email delivery, you can use either of the following options:

- The default email functionality (p. 187) that is built into the Amazon Cognito service.
- Your Amazon SES configuration (p. 187).

These settings are reversible. When needed, you can update your user pool to switch between them.

# **Default Email Functionality**

You can allow Amazon Cognito to handle email deliveries for you by using the default email functionality that comes with the service. When you use the default option, Amazon Cognito allows only a limited number of emails each day for your user pool. For specific limits information, see Limits in Amazon Cognito (p. 318). For typical production environments, the default email limit is below the required delivery volume. To enable a higher delivery volume, you must use your Amazon SES email configuration.

With the default option, you can use either of the following email addresses as the FROM address:

- The default email address, which is no-reply@verificationemail.com.
- A custom email address that you own. Before you can use your own email address, you must verify it with Amazon SES, and you must grant Amazon Cognito permission to use it.

# Amazon SES Email Configuration

Your application might require a higher delivery volume than what is available with the default option. To enable a higher delivery volume, configure your user pool to email your users by using your Amazon SES configuration. Using your Amazon SES configuration also provides a greater ability to monitor your email sending activity.

Before you can use your Amazon SES configuration, you must verify one or more email addresses with Amazon SES. You use a verified email addresses as the FROM email address that you assign to your user pool. Then, when Amazon Cognito sends an email, it uses your email address by calling Amazon SES on your behalf.

When you use your Amazon SES configuration, the email delivery limits for your user pool are the same limits that apply to your Amazon SES verified email address in your AWS account.

# Configuring Email for Your User Pool

Complete the following steps to configure the email settings for your user pool. Depending on settings that you want to use, you might need to complete steps with Amazon SES, AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM), and Amazon Cognito.

#### Note

The resources that you create in these steps can't be shared across AWS accounts. For example, you can't configure a user pool in one account with an Amazon SES email address that is in a different account. Therefore, if you use Amazon Cognito in multiple accounts, remember to repeat these steps in each of them.

# Step 1: Verify Your Email Address with Amazon SES

Before you configure your user pool, you must verify one or more email addresses with Amazon SES if you want to do either of the following:

- Use your own email address as the FROM address
- Use your Amazon SES configuration to handle email delivery

By verifying your email address, you confirm that you own it, which helps prevent unauthorized use.

For the steps to this procedure, see Verifying an Email Address in the Amazon Simple Email Service Developer Guide.

# Step 2: Move Your Account Out of the Amazon SES Sandbox

When you first begin using Amazon SES, your AWS account is placed in the Amazon SES sandbox. Amazon SES uses the sandbox to prevent fraud and abuse. If you are using your Amazon SES configuration to handle email delivery, you must move your AWS account out of the sandbox before Amazon Cognito can email your users.

You can skip this step if you are using the default Amazon Cognito email functionality.

In the sandbox, Amazon SES imposes restrictions on how many emails you can send and where you can send them. You can send emails only to addresses and domains that you have verified with Amazon SES, or you can send them to Amazon SES mailbox simulator addresses. While your AWS account remains in the sandbox, do not use your Amazon SES configuration for applications that are in production. In this situation, Amazon Cognito would be unable to send messages to your users' email addresses.

For the steps to move out of the sandbox, see Moving Out of the Amazon SES Sandbox in the Amazon Simple Email Service Developer Guide.

# Step 3: Grant Email Permissions to Amazon Cognito

You might need to grant specific permissions to Amazon Cognito before it can email your users. The permissions that you grant, and the process that you use to grant them, depend on whether you are using the default email functionality or your Amazon SES configuration.

# To Grant Permissions to Use the Default Email Functionality

If you configure your user pool to use the default email functionality, you use either of the following addresses as the FROM address from which Amazon Cognito emails your users:

- · The default address
- · A custom address, which must be a verified address in Amazon SES

If you are using the default email address, Amazon Cognito does not need additional permissions, and you can skip this step.

If you are using a custom address, Amazon Cognito needs additional permissions so that it can use this address to email your users. These permissions are granted by a *sending authorization policy*, which gets attached to the address in Amazon SES. If you use the Amazon Cognito console to add your custom address to your user pool, it automatically attaches the policy for you. But, if you configure your user pool outside of the console, for example by using the AWS CLI or Amazon Cognito API, you must attach the policy yourself.

For more information, see Using Sending Authorization with Amazon SES in the Amazon Simple Email Service Developer Guide.

## **Example Sending Authorization Policy**

The following example is a sending authorization policy that allows Amazon Cognito to send email by using an Amazon SES verified email address.

In this example, the "Sid" value is an arbitrary string that uniquely identifies the statement.

For more information about policy syntax, see Amazon SES Sending Authorization Policies in the Amazon Simple Email Service Developer Guide.

For more examples, see Amazon SES Sending Authorization Policy Examples in the Amazon Simple Email Service Developer Guide.

# To Grant Permissions to Use Your Amazon SES Configuration

If you configure your user pool to use your Amazon SES configuration, Amazon Cognito needs additional permissions to call Amazon SES on your behalf when it emails your users. This authorization is granted with the IAM service.

When you configure your user pool with this option, Amazon Cognito creates a *service-linked role*, which is a type of IAM role, in your AWS account. This role contains the permissions that allow Amazon Cognito to access Amazon SES and send email with your address.

Before Amazon Cognito can create this role, the IAM permissions that you use to set up your user pool must include the iam: CreateServiceLinkedRole action. For more information about updating permissions in IAM, see Changing Permissions for an IAM User in the IAM User Guide.

For more information about the service-linked role that Amazon Cognito creates, see Using Service-Linked Roles for Amazon Cognito (p. 346).

# Step 4: Configure Your User Pool

Complete the following steps if you want to configure your user pool with any of the following:

- A custom FROM address that appears as the email sender
- A custom REPLY-TO address that receives the messages that your users send to your FROM address
- Your Amazon SES configuration

You don't need to complete this procedure if you want to use the default Amazon Cognito email functionality and address.

## To configure your email address

Sign in the AWS Management Console and open the Amazon Cognito console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/cognito.

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- 2. Choose Manage User Pools.
- 3. On the **Your User Pools** page, choose the user pool that you want to configure.
- 4. In the navigation menu on the left, choose Message customizations.
- 5. If you want to use a custom FROM address, choose **Add custom FROM address** and do the following:
  - a. For **SES region**, choose the region contains your verified email address.
  - b. For **FROM email address**, choose your email address. The Amazon Cognito console allows you to choose only those email address that you have verified with Amazon SES in the selected region.
- 6. Under **Do you want to send emails through your Amazon SES Configuration?**, choose **Yes Use Amazon SES** or **No Use Cognito (Default)**.

If you choose to use a Amazon SES, Amazon Cognito will create a service-linked role after you save your changes.

- If you want to use a custom REPLY-TO address, choose Add custom REPLY-TO address. Then, specify the email address where you want to receive that messages that your users send to your FROM address.
- 8. When you finish setting your email account options, choose Save changes.

The **Message customizations** page also provides the options to customize your verification messages (p. 216) and customize your invitation messages (p. 217).

# Authentication with a User Pool

Your app users can sign in either directly through a user pool, or federate through a third-party identity provider (IdP). The user pool manages the overhead of handling the tokens that are returned from social sign-in through Facebook, Google, and Amazon, and from OpenID Connect (OIDC) and SAML IdPs.

After successful authentication, Amazon Cognito returns user pool tokens to your app. You can use the tokens to grant your users access to your own server-side resources, or to the Amazon API Gateway. Or, you can exchange them for AWS credentials to access other AWS services.



User pool token handling and management for your web or mobile app is provided on the client side through Amazon Cognito SDKs. Likewise, the Mobile SDK for iOS and the Mobile SDK for Android automatically refresh your ID and access tokens if there is a valid (non-expired) refresh token present, and the ID and access tokens have a minimum remaining validity of 5 minutes. For information on the SDKs, and sample code for JavaScript, Android, and iOS see Amazon Cognito User Pool SDKs.

After your app user successfully signs in, Amazon Cognito creates a session and returns an ID, access, and refresh token for the authenticated user.

#### JavaScript

 $\//\$ Amazon Cognito creates a session which includes the id, access, and refresh tokens of an authenticated user.

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```
var authenticationData = {
       Username: 'username',
       Password: 'password',
    };
    var authenticationDetails = new
AmazonCognitoIdentity.AuthenticationDetails(authenticationData);
   var poolData = { UserPoolId : 'us-east-1 ExaMPle',
       ClientId: 'lexample23456789'
    };
    var userPool = new AmazonCognitoIdentity.CognitoUserPool(poolData);
   var userData = {
       Username : 'username',
        Pool : userPool
   };
   var cognitoUser = new AmazonCognitoIdentity.CognitoUser(userData);
    cognitoUser.authenticateUser(authenticationDetails, {
        onSuccess: function (result) {
            var accessToken = result.getAccessToken().getJwtToken();
            /* Use the idToken for Logins Map when Federating User Pools with identity
pools or when passing through an Authorization Header to an API Gateway Authorizer */
           var idToken = result.idToken.jwtToken;
        },
        onFailure: function(err) {
            alert(err);
});
```

#### Android

```
// Session is an object of the type CognitoUserSession, and includes the id, access,
and refresh tokens for a user.

String idToken = session.getIdToken().getJWTToken();
String accessToken = session.getAccessToken().getJWT();
```

#### iOS - Swift

```
// AWSCognitoIdentityUserSession includes id, access, and refresh tokens for a user.
- (AWSTask<AWSCognitoIdentityUserSession *> *)getSession;
```

# iOS - Objective-C

```
// AWSCognitoIdentityUserSession includes the id, access, and refresh tokens for a
user.

[[user getSession:@"username" password:@"password" validationData:nil scopes:nil]
continueWithSuccessBlock:^id _Nullable(AWSTask<AWSCognitoIdentityUserSession *> *
    _Nonnull task) {
        // success, task.result has user session
        return nil;
}];
```

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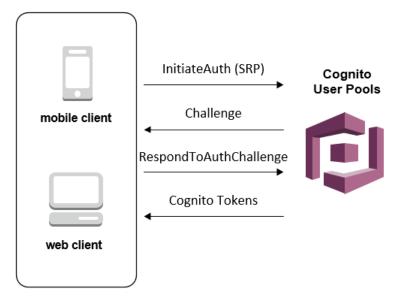
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# **User Pool Authentication Flow**

Modern authentication flows incorporate new challenge types, in addition to a password, to verify the identity of users. We generalize authentication into two common steps, which are implemented through two APIs: InitiateAuth and RespondToAuthChallenge.

A user authenticates by answering successive challenges until authentication either fails or the user is issued tokens. With these two steps, which can be repeated to include different challenges, we can support any custom authentication flow.



You can customize your authentication flow with AWS Lambda triggers. These triggers issue and verify their own challenges as part of the authentication flow.

You can also use admin authentication flow for use on secure backend servers, and the user migration authentication flow to allow user migration without requiring your users to reset their passwords.

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# Client Side Authentication Flow

Here's how user pool authentication works for end user client-side apps created with the AWS Mobile SDK for Android, AWS Mobile SDK for iOS, or AWS SDK for JavaScript:

- 1. The user enters their username and password into the app.
- 2. The app calls the InitiateAuth method with the user's username and SRP details.

This method returns the authentication parameters.

#### Note

The app generates the SRP details by using the Amazon Cognito SRP support in the Android, iOS, and JavaScript SDKs.

- 3. The app calls the **RespondToAuthChallenge** method. If the method call succeeds, it returns the user's tokens, and the authentication flow is complete.
  - If another challenge is required, no tokens are returned. Instead, the call to **RespondToAuthChallenge** returns a session.
- 4. If **RespondToAuthChallenge** returns a session, the app calls **RespondToAuthChallenge** again, this time with the session and the challenge response (for example, MFA code).

# Server Side Authentication Flow

If you don't have an end-user app, but instead you're using a Java, Ruby, or Node.js secure back end or server-side app, you can use the authenticated server-side API for Amazon Cognito user pools.

For server-side apps, user pool authentication is similar to that for client-side apps, except:

- The server-side app calls the **AdminInitiateAuth** API (instead of **InitiateAuth**). This method requires AWS admin credentials. This method returns the authentication parameters.
- Once it has the authentication parameters, the app calls the AdminRespondToAuthChallenge API (instead of RespondToAuthChallenge), which also requires AWS admin credentials.

The **AdminInitiateAuth** and **AdminRespondToAuthChallenge** API can't accept username-and-password user credentials for admin sign-in, unless you explicitly enable them to do so by doing one of the following:

- Pass ADMIN\_NO\_SRP\_AUTHENTICATION for the ExplicitAuthFlow parameter in your server-side app's call to CreateUserPoolClient or UpdateUserPoolClient.
- Choose Enable sign-in API for server-based authentication (ADMIN\_NO\_SRP\_AUTH) in the App clients tab in Create a user pool. For more information, see Configuring a User Pool App Client (p. 219).

# **Custom Authentication Flow**

Amazon Cognito user pools also enable custom authentication flows, which can help you create a challenge/response-based authentication model using AWS Lambda triggers.

The custom authentication flow is designed to allow for a series of challenge and response cycles that can be customized to meet different requirements. The flow starts with a call to the **InitiateAuth** API that indicates the type of authentication that will be used and provides any initial authentication parameters. Amazon Cognito will respond to the **InitiateAuth** call with either:

- ID, access, and refresh tokens if the user is signed in
- A challenge for the user along with a session and parameters
- · An error if the user fails to authenticate

If Amazon Cognito responds to the **InitiateAuth** call with a challenge, the app will gather more input and call the **RespondToAuthChallenge** API, providing the challenge responses and passing back the session. Amazon Cognito responds to the **RespondToAuthChallenge** call similarly to the **InitiateAuth** call, providing tokens if the user is signed in, another challenge, or an error. If another challenge is returned, the sequence repeats with the app calling **RespondToAuthChallenge** until the user is signed

in or an error is returned. More details are provided in the API documentation for the **InitiateAuth** and **RespondToAuthChallenge** APIs.

Amazon Cognito has some built-in AuthFlow and ChallengeName values for a standard authentication flow to validate username and password through the Secure Remote Password (SRP) protocol. This flow is built into the iOS, Android, and JavaScript SDKs for Amazon Cognito. At a high level, the flow starts by sending USER\_SRP\_AUTH as the AuthFlow to InitiateAuth along with USERNAME and SRP\_A values in AuthParameters. If the InitiateAuth call is successful, the response will include PASSWORD\_VERIFIER as the ChallengeName and SRP\_B in the challenge parameters. The app will then call RespondToAuthChallenge with the PASSWORD\_VERIFIER ChallengeName and the necessary parameters in ChallengeResponses. If the call to RespondToAuthChallenge is successful and the user is signed in, the tokens will be returned. If multi-factor authentication (MFA) is enabled for the user, a ChallengeName of SMS\_MFA will be returned, and the app can provide the necessary code through another call to RespondToAuthChallenge.

An app can initiate a custom authentication flow by calling InitiateAuth with CUSTOM\_AUTH as the Authflow. With a custom authentication flow, the challenges and verification of the responses are controlled through three AWS Lambda triggers. The DefineAuthChallenge Lambda trigger takes as input a session array of previous challenges and responses and outputs the next challenge name and booleans indicating if the user is authenticated (and should be granted tokens) or if the authentication has failed. This Lambda trigger is a state machine that controls the user's path through the challenges. The CreateAuthChallenge Lambda trigger takes a challenge name as input and generates the challenge and parameters to evaluate the response. CreateAuthChallenge is called when DefineAuthChallenge returns CUSTOM\_CHALLENGE as the next challenge, and the next type of challenge is passed in the challenge metadata parameter. The VerifyAuthChallengeResponse Lambda function evaluates the response and returns a boolean to indicate if the response was valid.

A custom authentication flow can also use a combination of built-in challenges such as SRP password verification and MFA via SMS, and custom challenges such as CAPTCHA or secret questions. If you want to include SRP in a custom authentication flow, you need to start with it. To initiate SRP password verification, the **DefineAuthChallenge** Lambda trigger returns SRP\_A as the challenge name and SRP\_A in the authentication parameters map. Once the password is verified the **DefineAuthChallenge** Lambda trigger will be called again with PASSWORD\_VERIFIER in the previous challenges array. MFA will be done automatically if it is enabled for a user.

For more information about the Lambda triggers, including sample code, see Customizing User Pool Workflows with Lambda Triggers (p. 121).

#### Note

The Amazon Cognito hosted sign-in web page does not support the custom authentication flow.

# Admin Authentication Flow

The APIs described Custom Authentication Flow (p. 193) with the use of SRP for password verification is the recommended approach for authentication. The iOS, Android, and JavaScript SDKs are based on that approach and make it easy to use SRP. However, there is an alternative set of admin APIs designed for use on secure backend servers if you want to avoid the SRP calculations. For these back-end admin implementations, **AdminInitiateAuth** is used in place of **InitiateAuth**, and **AdminRespondToAuthChallenge** is used in place of **RespondToAuthChallenge**. When using these APIs, the password can be submitted as plain text so the SRP calculations are not needed. For example,

```
AdminInitiateAuth Request {
    "AuthFlow": "ADMIN_NO_SRP_AUTH",
    "AuthParameters": {
        "USERNAME": "<username>",
        "PASSWORD": "<password>"
        },
        "ClientId": "<clientId>",
        "UserPoolId": "<userPoolId"
```

}

These admin authentication APIs require developer credentials and use the AWS Signature Version 4 (SigV4) signing process. These APIs are available in standard AWS SDKs including Node.js, which is convenient for use in Lambda functions. In order to use these APIs and have them accept passwords in plain text, you must enable them for the app in the console or by passing ADMIN\_NO\_SRP\_AUTH for the ExplicitAuthFlow parameter in calls to CreateUserPoolClient or UpdateUserPoolClient. The ADMIN\_NO\_SRP\_AUTH AuthFlow is not accepted for the InitiateAuth and RespondToAuthChallenge APIs.

In the AdminInitiateAuth response ChallengeParameters, the USER\_ID\_FOR\_SRP attribute, if present, will contain the user's actual username, not an alias (such as email address or phone number). In your call to AdminRespondToAuthChallenge, in the ChallengeResponses, you'll need to pass this username in the USERNAME parameter.

#### Note

Because it's designed for back-end admin implementations, admin authentication flow doesn't support device tracking. When device tracking is enabled, admin authentication succeeds, but any call to refresh the access token will fail.

# **User Migration Authentication Flow**

A user migration Lambda trigger allows easy migration of users from a legacy user management system into your user pool. To avoid making your users reset their passwords during user migration choose the USER\_PASSWORD\_AUTH authentication flow which sends your users' passwords to the service over an encrypted SSL connection during authentication.

When you have completed migrating all your users, we recommend switching flows to the more secure SRP flow which does not send any passwords over the network.

To learn more about Lambda triggers see Customizing User Pool Workflows with Lambda Triggers (p. 121).

For more information about migrating users with a Lambda trigger see Importing Users into User Pools With a User Migration Lambda Trigger (p. 176).

# Using Tokens with User Pools

After a successful authentication, Amazon Cognito returns user pool tokens to your app. You can use the tokens to grant your users access to your own server-side resources, or to the Amazon API Gateway. Or, you can exchange them for temporary AWS credentials to access other AWS services. See Common Amazon Cognito Scenarios (p. 6).



User pool token handling and management for your web or mobile app is provided on the client side through Amazon Cognito SDKs. For information on the SDKs, and sample code for JavaScript, Android, and iOS see Amazon Cognito User Pool SDKs. If you need to manually process tokens for server-side API processing, or if you are using other programming languages, there are many good libraries for decoding and verifying a JWT. See the OpenID Foundation list of libraries for working with JWT tokens.

Amazon Cognito user pools implements ID, access, and refresh tokens as defined by the OpenID Connect (OIDC) open standard:

• The ID Token contains claims about the identity of the authenticated user such as name, email, and phone\_number.

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- The Access Token grants access to authorized resources.
- The Refresh Token contains the information necessary to obtain a new ID or access token.

## **Important**

We strongly recommended that you secure all tokens in transit and storage in the context of your application.

For more information on OIDC see the OpenID Connect (OIDC) specification.

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# Using the ID Token

The ID token is a JSON Web Token (JWT) that contains claims about the identity of the authenticated user such as name, email, and phone\_number. You can use this identity information inside your application. The ID token can also be used to authenticate users against your resource servers or server applications. When an ID token is used outside of the application against your web APIs, you must verify the signature of the ID token before you can trust any claims inside the ID token. See Verifying a JSON Web Token (p. 200).

The ID token expires one hour after the user authenticates. You should not process the ID token in your client or web API after it has expired.

For more information about OIDC standard claims, see the OIDC Standard Claims.

## **ID Token Header**

The header contains two pieces of information: the key ID (kid), and the algorithm (alg).

```
{
    "kid" : "1234example="
    "alg" : "RS256",
}
```

# Key ID (kid)

The kid parameter is a hint indicating which key was used to secure the JSON Web Signature (JWS) of the token.

For more information about the kid parameter, see the Key Identifier (kid) Header Parameter.

# Algorithm (alg)

The alg parameter represents the cryptographic algorithm used to secure the ID token. User pools use an RS256 cryptographic algorithm, which is an RSA signature with SHA-256.

For more information about the alg parameter, see Algorithm (alg) Header Parameter.

# **ID Token Payload**

This is a sample payload from an ID token. It contains claims about the authenticated user. For more information about OIDC standard claims, see the OIDC Standard Claims.

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# Subject (sub)

The sub claim is a unique identifier (UUID) for the authenticated user. It is not the same as the username which may not be unique.

#### Issuer (iss)

The iss claim has the following format:

https://cognito-idp.{region}.amazonaws.com/{userPoolId}.

For example, if you created a user pool in the us-east-1 region and its user pool ID is u123456, the ID token issued for users of your user pool have an iss claim value of

https://cognito-idp.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/u123456.

#### Audience (aud)

The aud claim contains the client\_id used in the user authenticated.

## Token Use (token\_use)

The token\_use claim describes the intended purpose of this token. Its value is always id in the case of the ID token.

## Authentication Time (auth\_time)

The auth\_time claim contains the time when the authentication occurred. Its value is a JSON number representing the number of seconds from 1970-01-01TO:0:0Z as measured in UTC format until the date/time. On refreshes, it represents the time when the original authentication occurred, not the time when the token was issued.

The ID token can contain OpenID Connect (OIDC) standard claims defined in OIDC Standard Claims. It can also contain custom attributes that you define in your user pool.

#### Note

User pool custom attributes are always prefixed with a custom: prefix.

# **ID Token Signature**

The signature of the ID token is calculated based on the header and payload of the JWT token. When used outside of an application in your web APIs, you must always verify this signature before accepting the token. See Verifying a JSON Web Token (p. 200).

# Using the Access Token

The user pool access token contains claims about the authenticated user, but unlike the ID token, it does not include identity information. The primary purpose of the access token is to authorize API operations

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in the context of the user in the user pool. For example, you can use the access token to grant your user access to add, change or delete user attributes. The access token can also be used with any of your web APIs to make access control decisions and authorize operations for your users.

The access token is also represented as a JSON Web Token (JWT). The header for the access token will have the same structure as the ID token, but the key ID (kid) will be different because different keys are used to sign ID tokens and access tokens. As with the ID token, you must first verify the signature of the access token in your web APIs before you can trust any of its claims. See Verifying a JSON Web Token (p. 200).

The access token expires one hour after your user successfully authenticates. It should not be used after it has expired.

# Access Token Header

The header contains two pieces of information: the key ID (kid), and the algorithm (alg).

```
{
    "kid" : "1234example="
    "alg" : "RS256",
}
```

## Key ID (kid)

The kid parameter is a hint indicating which key was used to secure the JSON Web Signature (JWS) of the token.

For more information about the kid parameter, see the Key Identifier (kid) Header Parameter.

## Algorithm (alg)

The alg parameter represents the cryptographic algorithm used to secure the access token. User pools use an RS256 cryptographic algorithm, which is an RSA signature with SHA-256.

For more information about the alg parameter, see Algorithm (alg) Header Parameter.

# **Access Token Payload**

This is a sample payload from an access token. For more information, see JWT Claims.

```
"auth_time": 1500009400,
    "exp": 1500013000,
    "iat": 1500009400,
    "iss": "https://cognito-idp.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/us-east-1_example",
    "scope": "aws.cognito.signin.user.admin",
    "sub": "aaaaaaaa-bbbb-cccc-dddd-eeeeeeeeeee",
    "token_use": "access",
    "username": "janedoe@example.com"
}
```

#### Subject (sub)

The sub claim is a unique identifier (UUID) for the authenticated user. It is not the same as the username which may not be unique.

#### Issuer (iss)

The iss claim has the following format:

https://cognito-idp.{region}.amazonaws.com/{userPoolId}.

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## Token Use (token\_use)

The token\_use claim describes the intended purpose of this token. Its value is always access in the case of the access token.

#### Authentication Time (auth\_time)

The auth\_time claim contains the time when the authentication occurred. Its value is a JSON number representing the number of seconds from 1970-01-01TO:0:0Z as measured in UTC format until the date/time. On refreshes, it represents the time when the original authentication occurred, not the time when the token was issued.

# **Access Token Signature**

The signature of the access token is calculated based on the header and payload of the JWT token. When used outside of an application in your web APIs, you must always verify this signature before accepting the token. See Verifying a JSON Web Token (p. 200).

# Using the Refresh Token

You can use the refresh token to retrieve new ID and access tokens.

By default, the refresh token expires 30 days after your app user signs in to your user pool. When you create an app for your user pool, you can set the app's refresh token expiration (in days) to any value between 1 and 3650.

The Mobile SDK for iOS and the Mobile SDK for Android automatically refresh your ID and access tokens if there is a valid (non-expired) refresh token present, and the ID and access tokens have a minimum remaining validity of 5 minutes. If the refresh token is expired, your app user must reauthenticate by signing in again to your user pool.

#### Note

The Mobile SDK for Android offers the option to change the minimum validity period of the ID and access tokens to a value between 0 and 30 minutes. See the setRefreshThreshold() method of CognitoIdentityProviderClientConfig in the AWS Mobile SDK for Android API Reference.

Your user's account itself never expires, as long as the user has logged in at least once before the UnusedAccountValidityDays time limit for new accounts.

To use the refresh token to get new ID and access tokens with the user pool API, use the AdminInitiateAuth or InitiateAuth methods. Pass REFRESH\_TOKEN\_AUTH for the AuthFlow parameter. The authorization parameters, AuthParameters, are a key-value map where the key is "REFRESH\_TOKEN" and the value is the actual refresh token. Amazon Cognito responds with new ID and access tokens.

# Revoking All Tokens for a User

Users can sign out from all devices where they are currently signed in when you revoke all of the user's tokens by using the GlobalSignOut and AdminUserGlobalSignOut APIs. After the user has been signed out:

- The user's refresh token cannot be used to get new tokens for the user.
- The user's access token cannot be used against the user pools service.
- · The user must reauthenticate to get new tokens.

An app can use the GlobalSignOut API to allow individual users to sign themselves out from all devices. Typically an app would present this option as a choice, such as **Sign out from all devices**. The app must call this method with the user's valid, nonexpired, nonrevoked access token. This method cannot be used to allow a user to sign out another user.

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An administrator app can use the AdminUserGlobalSignOut API to allow administrators to sign out a user from all devices. The administrator app must call this method with AWS developer credentials and pass the user pool ID and the user's username as parameters. The AdminUserGlobalSignOut API can sign out any user in the user pool.

# Verifying a JSON Web Token

These steps describe verifying a user pool JSON web token (JWT).

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# **Prerequisites**

- This section describes tasks that might be already handled by your library, SDK, or software framework. For example, user pool token handling and management is provided on the client side through the Amazon Cognito SDKs. Likewise, the Mobile SDK for iOS and the Mobile SDK for Android automatically refresh your ID and access tokens if there is a valid (non-expired) refresh token present, and the ID and access tokens have a minimum remaining validity of 5 minutes. For information on the SDKs, and sample code for JavaScript, Android, and iOS see Amazon Cognito User Pool SDKs.
- If you need to manually process tokens for server-side API processing, or if you are using other
  programming languages, there are many good libraries for decoding and verifying a JWT. See the
  OpenID Foundation list of libraries for working with JWT tokens.

# Step 1: Confirm the Structure of the JWT

A JSON Web Token (JWT) includes three sections:

- 1. Header
- 2. Payload
- 3. Signature

## 11111111111.2222222222.33333333333

They are encoded as Base64url strings, and are separated by dot "." characters. If your JWT does not conform to this structure, consider it as invalid and do not accept it.

# Step 2: Validate the JWT Signature

The JWT signature is a hashed combination of the header and the payload. Amazon Cognito generates two pairs of RSA cryptograpic keys for each user pool. One of the private keys is used to sign the token.

## To verify the signature of a JWT token

- 1. Decode the ID token.
  - a. You can use AWS Lambda to decode user pool JWTs. For more information see Decode and verify Amazon Cognito JWT tokens using Lambda.

- b. The OpenID Foundation also maintains a list of libraries for working with JWT tokens.
- 2. Compare the local key ID (kid) to the public kid.
  - a. Download and store the corresponding public JSON Web Key (JWK) for your user pool. It is available as part of a JSON Web Key Set (JWKS). You can locate it at https://cognito-idp. {region}.amazonaws.com/{userPoolId}/.well-known/jwks.json.

For more information on JWK and JWK sets, see JSON Web Key (JWK).

#### Note

This is a one time step before your web APIs can process tokens. Now you can perform the following steps each time the ID token or the access token are used with your web APIs.

This is a sample jwks.json file:

```
{
  "keys": [{
    "kid": "1234example=",
    "alg": "RS256",
    "kty": "RSA",
    "e": "AQAB",
    "n": "1234567890",
    "use": "sig"
}, {
    "kid": "5678example=",
    "alg": "RS256",
    "kty": "RSA",
    "e": "AQAB",
    "n": "987654321",
    "use": "sig"
}]
}
```

# Key ID (kid)

The kid is a hint indicating which key was used to secure the JSON web signature (JWS) of the token.

# Algorithm (alg)

The alg header parameter represents the cryptographic algorithm used to secure the ID token. User pools use an RS256 cryptographic algorithm, which is an RSA signature with SHA-256. For more information on RSA see RSA Cryptography.

## Key Type (kty)

The kty parameter identifies the cryptographic algorithm family used with the key, such as "RSA" in this example.

# RSA Exponent (e)

The e parameter contains the exponent value for the RSA public key. It is represented as a Base64urlUInt-encoded value.

# RSA Modulus (n)

The  ${\tt n}$  parameter contains the modulus value for the RSA public key. It is represented as a Base64urlUInt-encoded value.

#### Use (use)

The use parameter describes the intended use of the public key. For this example, the use value sig represents signature.

- b. Search the public JSON web key for a kid that matches the kid of your JWT.
- 3. Use the public key to verify the signature using your JWT library. You might need to convert the JWK to PEM format first. This example takes the JWT and JWK, and uses the Node.js library, jsonwebtoken, to verify the JWT signature:

Node.js

```
var jwt = require('jsonwebtoken');
var jwkToPem = require('jwk-to-pem');
var pem = jwkToPem(jwk);
jwt.verify(token, pem, { algorithms: ['RS256'] }, function(err, decodedToken) {
});
```

# Step 3: Verify the Claims

# To verify JWT claims

- 1. Verify that the token is not expired.
- 2. The audience (aud) claim should match the app client ID created in the Amazon Cognito user pool.
- 3. The issuer (iss) claim should match your user pool. For example, a user pool created in the useast-1 region will have an iss value of:

```
https://cognito-idp.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/<userpoolID>.
```

- 4. Check the token\_use claim.
  - If you are only accepting the access token in your web APIs, its value must be access.
  - If you are only using the ID token, its value must be id.
  - If you are using both ID and access tokens, the token\_use claim must be either id or access.

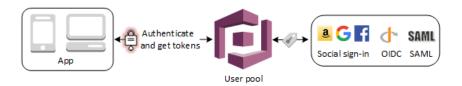
You can now trust the claims inside the token.

# Accessing Resources After a Successful User Pool Authentication

Your app users can sign in either directly through a user pool, or federate through a third-party identity provider (IdP). The user pool manages the overhead of handling the tokens that are returned from social sign-in through Facebook, Google, and Amazon, and from OpenID Connect (OIDC) and SAML IdPs. For more information see Using Tokens with User Pools (p. 195).

After a successful authentication, your app will receive user pool tokens from Amazon Cognito. You can use those tokens to retrieve AWS credentials that allow your app to access other AWS services, or you might choose to use them to control access to your own server-side resources, or to the Amazon API Gateway.

For more information, see User Pool Authentication Flow (p. 192) and Using Tokens with User Pools (p. 195).

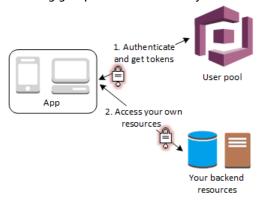


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- Accessing Resources with API Gateway and Lambda After Sign-in (p. 203)
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# Accessing Server-side Resources after Sign-in

After a successful authentication, your web or mobile app will receive user pool tokens from Amazon Cognito. You can use those tokens to control access to your server-side resources. You can also create user pool groups to manage permissions, and to represent different types of users. For more information on using groups to control access your resources see Adding Groups to a User Pool (p. 171).

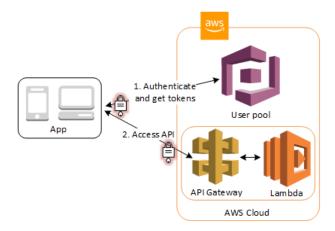


Once you configure a domain for your user pool, Amazon Cognito provisions a hosted web UI that allows you to add sign-up and sign-in pages to your app. Using this OAuth 2.0 foundation you can create your own resource server to enable your users to access protected resources. For more information see Defining Resource Servers for Your User Pool (p. 88).

For more information about user pool authentication see User Pool Authentication Flow (p. 192) and Using Tokens with User Pools (p. 195).

# Accessing Resources with API Gateway and Lambda After Sign-in

You can enable your users to access your API through API Gateway. API Gateway validates the tokens from a successful user pool authentication, and uses them to grant your users access to resources including Lambda functions, or your own API.



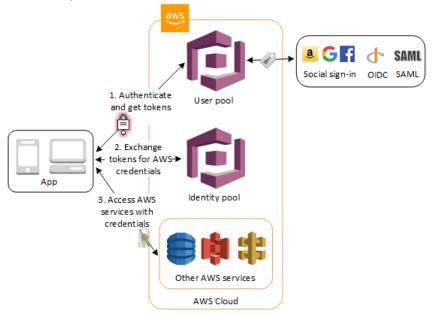
You can use groups in a user pool to control permissions with API Gateway by mapping group membership to IAM roles. The groups that a user is a member of are included in the ID token provided by a user pool when your web or mobile app user signs in. For more information on user pool groups See Adding Groups to a User Pool (p. 171).

You can submit your user pool tokens with a request to API Gateway for verification by an Amazon Cognito authorizer Lambda function. For more information on API Gateway, see Using API Gateway with Amazon Cognito User Pools.

# Accessing AWS Services Using an Identity Pool After Sign-in

You can enable your users to sign-in with a user pool, and then access AWS services using an identity pool.

After a successful authentication, your web or mobile app will receive user pool tokens from Amazon Cognito. You can use those tokens to retrieve AWS credentials that allow your app to access other AWS services. For more information, see Getting Started with Amazon Cognito Identity Pools (Federated Identities) (p. 228).



For more information about using identity pools together with user pool groups to control access your AWS resources see Adding Groups to a User Pool (p. 171) and Role-Based Access Control (p. 245). See also Identity Pools Concepts (Federated Identities) (p. 234) for more information about identity pools and AWS Identity and Access Management.

# Setting Up a User Pool with the AWS Management Console

Create an Amazon Cognito user pool and make a note of the **User Pool ID** and **App Client ID** for each of your client apps. For more information about creating user pools, see Getting Started with User Pools (p. 14).

# Setting Up an Identity Pool with the AWS Management Console

The following procedure describes how to use the AWS Management Console to integrate an identity pool with one or more user pools and client apps.

## To configure your identity pool

- 1. Open the Amazon Cognito console.
- 2. Choose Manage Identity Pools.
- 3. Choose the name of the identity pool for which you want to enable Amazon Cognito user pools as a provider.
- 4. On the **Dashboard** page, choose **Edit identity pool**.
- 5. Expand the Authentication providers section.
- 6. Choose Cognito.
- Type the User Pool ID.
- 8. Type the **App Client ID**. This must be the same client app ID that you received when you created the app in the **Your User Pools** section of the AWS Management Console for Amazon Cognito.
- 9. If you have additional apps or user pools, choose **Add Another Provider** and type the **User Pool ID** and **App Client ID** for each app in each user pool.
- 10. When you have no more apps or user pools to add, choose Save Changes.

If successful, you will see **Changes saved successfully.** on the **Dashboard** page.

# Integrating a User Pool with an Identity Pool

After your app user is authenticated, add that user's identity token to the logins map in the credentials provider. The provider name will depend on your Amazon Cognito user pool ID. It will have the following structure:

```
cognito-idp.cognito-idp.<region>.amazonaws.com/<YOUR_USER_POOL_ID>
```

The value for <region> will be the same as the region in the User Pool ID. For example, cognito-idp.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/us-east-1\_123456789.

# JavaScript

```
var cognitoUser = userPool.getCurrentUser();

if (cognitoUser != null) {
  cognitoUser.getSession(function(err, result) {
  if (result) {
    console.log('You are now logged in.');

  // Add the User's Id Token to the Cognito credentials login map.
```

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```
AWS.config.credentials = new AWS.CognitoIdentityCredentials({
   IdentityPoolId: 'YOUR_IDENTITY_POOL_ID',
   Logins: {
    'cognito-idp.<region>.amazonaws.com/<YOUR_USER_POOL_ID>':
   result.getIdToken().getJwtToken()
   }
  });
});
}
```

#### Android

```
cognitoUser.getSessionInBackground(new AuthenticationHandler() {
  @Override
  public void onSuccess(CognitoUserSession session) {
    String idToken = session.getIdToken().getJWTToken();

    Map<String, String> logins = new HashMap<String, String>();
    logins.put("cognito-idp.<region>.amazonaws.com/<YOUR_USER_POOL_ID>",
    session.getIdToken().getJWTToken());
    credentialsProvider.setLogins(logins);
}
});
```

#### iOS - Objective-C

```
AWSServiceConfiguration *serviceConfiguration = [[AWSServiceConfiguration alloc] initWithRegion:AWSRegionUSEast1 credentialsProvider:nil];

AWSCognitoIdentityUserPoolConfiguration *userPoolConfiguration = [[AWSCognitoIdentityUserPoolConfiguration alloc] initWithClientId:@"YOUR_CLIENT_ID" clientSecret:@"YOUR_CLIENT_SECRET" poolId:@"YOUR_USER_POOL_ID"];

[AWSCognitoIdentityUserPool registerCognitoIdentityUserPoolWithConfiguration:serviceConfiguration userPoolConfiguration:userPoolConfiguration forKey:@"UserPool"];

AWSCognitoIdentityUserPool *pool = [AWSCognitoIdentityUserPool CognitoIdentityUserPoolForKey:@"UserPool"];

AWSCognitoCredentialsProvider *credentialsProvider = [[AWSCognitoCredentialsProvider alloc] initWithRegionType:AWSRegionUSEast1 identityPoolId:@"YOUR_IDENTITY_POOL_ID" identityProviderManager:pool];
```

## iOS - Swift

```
let serviceConfiguration = AWSServiceConfiguration(region: .USEast1,
    credentialsProvider: nil)
let userPoolConfiguration = AWSCognitoIdentityUserPoolConfiguration(clientId:
    "YOUR_CLIENT_ID", clientSecret: "YOUR_CLIENT_SECRET", poolId: "YOUR_USER_POOL_ID")
AWSCognitoIdentityUserPool.registerCognitoIdentityUserPoolWithConfiguration(serviceConfiguration,
    userPoolConfiguration: userPoolConfiguration, forKey: "UserPool")
let pool = AWSCognitoIdentityUserPool(forKey: "UserPool")
let credentialsProvider = AWSCognitoCredentialsProvider(regionType: .USEast1,
    identityPoolId: "YOUR_IDENTITY_POOL_ID", identityProviderManager:pool)
```

# User Pools Reference (AWS Management Console)

You can customize the user pool settings to the needs of your app. This section describes each category of settings and gives you detailed information about attributes, policies, email and phone verification, multi-factor authentication, apps, triggers, and trusted devices.

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# Adding a User Pool Name

You must specify a **Pool Name** for your Amazon Cognito user pool in the AWS Management Console. The name cannot be changed after the user pool is created.

Pool names must be between one and 128 characters long. They can contain uppercase and lowercase letters (a-z, A-Z), numbers (0-9), and the following special characters: + = ... @ and -...

# Importing and Creating Users and Groups

On the **Users and groups** tab, you can import users, create users, create groups and assign users to them, and search for users.

For more information, see:

- Importing Users into User Pools From a CSV File (p. 177)
- · Adding Groups to a User Pool (p. 171)
- Creating User Accounts as Administrator (p. 168)

# **Configuring User Pool Attributes**

You get a set of default attributes, called "standard attributes," with all user pools. You can also add custom attributes to your user pool definition in the AWS Management Console. This topic describes those attributes in detail and gives you tips on how to set up your user pool.

Attributes are pieces of information that help you identify individual users, such as name, email, and phone number.

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Not all information about your users should be stored in attributes. For example, user data that changes frequently, such as usage statistics or game scores, should be kept in a separate data store, such as Amazon Cognito Sync or Amazon DynamoDB.

# Standard Attributes

The following are the standard attributes for all users in a user pool. These are implemented following the OpenID Connect specification.

- address
- birthdate
- email
- family\_name
- gender
- given name
- locale
- middle\_name
- name
- nickname
- phone\_number
- picture
- preferred\_username
- profile
- timezone
- updated\_at
- website

These attributes are available as optional attributes for all users. To make an attribute required, select the check box next to the attribute.

#### Note

When a standard attribute is marked as required, a user cannot register unless a value for the attribute is provided. Administrators can create users without giving values for required attributes by using the AdminCreateUser API. An attribute cannot be switched between required and not required after a user pool has been created.

Standard and custom attribute values can be any string up to 2048 characters by default, but some attribute values, such as updated\_at, have formatting restrictions. Only **email** and **phone** can be verified.

#### Note

In the specification, attributes are called members.

Here are some additional notes regarding some of the above fields.

#### email

Email address values can be verified.

An administrator with proper AWS account permissions can change the user's email and also mark it as verified. This can be done by using the AdminUpdateUserAttributes API or the admin-update-user-attributes CLI command to change the email\_verified attribute to true.

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#### phone

A phone number is required if SMS multi-factor authentication (MFA) is enabled. For more information, see Adding Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) to a User Pool (p. 110).

Phone number values can be verified.

An administrator with proper AWS account permissions can change the user's phone number and also mark it as verified. This can be done by using the AdminUpdateUserAttributes API or the adminupdate-user-attributes CLI command to change the phone\_number\_verified attribute to true.

#### **Important**

Phone numbers must follow these formatting rules: A phone number must start with a plus (+) sign, followed immediately by the country code. A phone number can only contain the + sign and digits. You must remove any other characters from a phone number, such as parentheses, spaces, or dashes (-) before submitting the value to the service. For example, a United States-based phone number must follow this format: +14325551212.

## preferred\_username

The preferred\_username cannot be selected as both required and as an alias. If the preferred\_username is an alias, a user can add the attribute value once he or she is confirmed by using the UpdateUserAttributes API.

#### To edit standard attributes

1. On the **Attributes** tab, choose the attributes you require for user registration. If an attribute is required and a user doesn't provide the required attribute, the user cannot register.

#### **Important**

You cannot change these requirements after the user pool is created. For more information, see Configuring User Pool Attributes (p. 207).

- 2. To create an alias for email, phone number, address, or preferred username, choose **Alias**. For more information on aliases, see Overview of Aliases (p. 209).
- 3. Move on to create Custom Attributes (p. 212).

# **Usernames and Preferred Usernames**

The username value is a separate attribute and not the same as the name attribute. A username is always required to register a user, and it cannot be changed after a user is created.

Developers can use the preferred\_username attribute to give users a username that they can change. For more information, see Overview of Aliases (p. 209).

If your application does not require a username, you do not need to ask users to provide one. Your app can create a unique username for users in the background. This is useful if, for example, you want users to register and sign in with an email address and password. For more information, see Overview of Aliases (p. 209).

The username must be unique within a user pool. A username can be reused, but only after it has been deleted and is no longer in use.

# Overview of Aliases

You can allow your end users to sign in with multiple identifiers by using aliases.

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By default, users sign in with their username and password. The username is a fixed value that users cannot change. If you mark an attribute as an alias, users can sign in using that attribute in place of the username. The email address, phone number, and preferred username attributes can be marked as aliases.

For example, if email and phone are selected as aliases for a user pool, users in that user pool can sign in using their username, email address, or phone number, along with their password.

If email is selected as an alias, a username cannot match a valid email format. Similarly, if phone number is selected as an alias, a username that matches a valid phone number pattern is not accepted by the service for that user pool.

#### Note

Alias values must be unique in a user pool. If an alias is configured for an email address or phone number, the value provided can be in a verified state in only one account. During sign-up, if an email address or phone number is supplied as an alias from a different account that has already been used, registration succeeds. Nevertheless, when a user tries to confirm the account with this email (or phone number) and enters the valid code, an AliasExistsException error is thrown. The error indicates to the user that an account with this email (or phone number) already exists. At this point, the user can abandon the new account creation and can try to reset the password for the old account. If the user continues creating the new account, your app should call the ConfirmSignUp API with the forceAliasCreation option. This moves the alias from the previous account to the newly created account, and it also marks the attribute unverified in the previous account.

Phone numbers and email addresses only become active aliases for a user after the phone numbers and email addresses are verified. We therefore recommend that you choose automatic verification of email addresses and phone numbers if you use them as aliases. The preferred\_username attribute provides users the experience of changing their username, when in fact the actual username value for a user is not changeable.

If you want to enable this user experience, submit the new username value as a preferred\_username and choose preferred\_username as an alias. Then users can sign in with the new value they entered.

If preferred\_username is selected as an alias, the value can be provided only when an account is confirmed. The value cannot be provided during registration.

## Using Aliases to Simplify User Sign-Up and Sign-In

In the **Attributes** console tab, you can choose whether to allow your user to sign up with an email address or phone number as their username.

#### Note

This setting cannot be changed once the user pool is created.

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- Option 1: User Signs Up with Username and Signs In with Username or Alias (p. 210)
- Option 2: User Signs Up and Signs In with Email or Phone Number Instead of Username (p. 211)

#### Option 1: User Signs Up with Username and Signs In with Username or Alias

In this case, the user signs up with a username. In addition, you can optionally allow users to sign in with one or more of the following aliases:

- · a verified email address
- · a verified phone number
- a preferred username

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These aliases can be changed after the user signs up.

Use the following steps to configure your user pool in the console to allow sign-in with an alias.

#### To configure a user pool for sign-in with an alias

- 1. In the Attributes tab, under How do you want your end users to sign-up and sign-in?, select Username.
- 2. Choose one of the following options:
  - Also allow sign in with verified email address: This allows users to sign in with their email address.
  - Also allow sign in with verified phone number: This allows users to sign in with their phone number.
  - Also allow sign in with preferred username: This allows users to sign in with a preferred username. This is a username that the user can change.

## Option 2: User Signs Up and Signs In with Email or Phone Number Instead of Username

In this case, the user signs up with an email address or phone number as their username. You can choose whether to allow sign-up with only email addresses, only phone numbers, or either one.

The email or phone number must be unique, and it must not already be in use by another user. It does not have to be verified. After the user has signed up using an email or phone number, the user cannot create a new account with the same email or phone number; the user can only reuse the existing account (and reset the password if needed). However, the user can change the email or phone number to a new email or phone number; if it is not already in use, it becomes the new username.

#### Note

If users sign up with an email address as their username, they can change the username to another email address; they cannot change it to a phone number. If they sign up with a phone number, they can change the username to another phone number; they cannot change it to an email address.

Use the following steps to configure your user pool in the console to allow sign-up and sign-in with email or phone number.

#### To configure a user pool for sign-up and sign-in with email or phone number

- 1. In the Attributes tab, under How do you want your end users to sign-up and sign-in?, select Email address or phone number.
- 2. Choose one of the following options:
  - Allow email addresses: This allows your user to sign up with email as the username.
  - Allow phone numbers: This allows your user to sign up with phone number as the username.
  - Allow both email addresses and phone number (users can choose one): This allows your user to use either an email address or a phone number as the username during sign-up.

#### Note

You do not need to mark email or phone number as required attributes for your user pool.

#### To implement option 2 in your app

 Call the CreateUserPool API to create your user pool. Set the UserNameAttributes parameter to phone\_number, email, or phone\_number | email.

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- Call the SignUp API and pass an email address or phone number in the username parameter of the API. This API does the following:
  - If the username string is in valid email format, the user pool automatically populates the email attribute of the user with the username value.
  - If the username string is in valid phone number format, the user pool automatically populates the phone\_number attribute of the user with the username value.
  - If the username string format is not in email or phone number format, the SignUp API throws an exception.
  - The SignUp API generates a persistent UUID for your user, and uses it as the immutable username attribute internally. This UUID has the same value as the sub claim in the user identity token.
  - If the username string contains an email address or phone number that is already in use, the SignUp API throws an exception.

You can use an email address or phone number as an alias in place of the username in all APIs except the ListUsers API. When you call ListUsers, you can search by the email or phone\_number attribute; if you search by username, you must supply the actual username, not an alias.

#### **Custom Attributes**

You can add up to 25 custom attributes to your user pool. You can specify a minimum and/or maximum length for custom attributes. However, the maximum length for any custom attribute can be no more than 2048 characters.

#### Each custom attribute:

- Can be defined as a string or a number.
- · Cannot be required.
- Cannot be removed or changed once added to the user pool.
- Can have a name with a character length that is within the limit that is accepted by Amazon Cognito. For more information, see Limits in Amazon Cognito (p. 318).

#### Note

In your code and in rules settings for Role-Based Access Control (p. 245), custom attributes require the custom: prefix to distinguish them from standard attributes.

#### To add a custom attribute using the console

- 1. From the navigation bar on the left choose **Attributes**.
- 2. For each new attribute:
  - a. Choose Add another attribute under Do you want to add custom attributes?.
  - b. Choose the properties for each custom attribute, such as the data **Type** (string or number), the **Name**, **Min length**, and **Max length**.
  - c. If you want to allow the user to change the value of a custom attribute after the value has been provided by the user, select **Mutable**.

## **Attribute Permissions and Scopes**

You can set per-app read and write permissions for each user attribute. This gives you the ability to control which applications can see and/or modify each of the attributes that are stored for your users. For example, you could have a custom attribute that indicates whether a user is a paying customer or

not. Your apps could see this attribute but could not modify it directly. Instead, you would update this attribute using an administrative tool or a background process. Permissions for user attributes can be set from the Amazon Cognito console, API, or CLI. By default any new custom attributes will not be available until you set read and write permissions for them.

#### To set or change attribute permissions using the console

- 1. From the navigation bar on the left choose **App clients**.
- 2. Choose **Show Details** for the app client you want update.
- 3. Choose Set the attribute read and write permissions for each attribute.
- 4. Choose Save app client changes.

Repeat these steps for each app client using the custom attribute.

Attributes can be marked as readable or writable for each app. This is true for both standard and custom attributes. An app can read an attribute that is marked as readable and can write an attribute that is marked as writable. If an app tries to update an attribute that is not writable, the app gets a NotAuthorizedException exception. An app calling GetUser only receives the attributes that are readable for that app. The ID token issued post-authentication only contains claims corresponding to the readable attributes. Required attributes on a user pool are always writable. If you, using CLI or the admin API, set a writable attribute and do not provide required attributes, then an InvalidParameterException exception is thrown.

You can change attribute permissions and scopes after you have created your user pool.

## Adding User Pool Password Requirements

Specifying a minimum password length of at least 8 characters, as well as requiring uppercase, numeric, and special characters, creates strong passwords for your app users. Complex passwords are harder to guess, and we recommend them as a security best practice.

These characters are allowed in passwords:

- uppercase and lowercase letters
- numbers
- the equals sign "="
- the plus sign "+"
- the special characters listed in the next section

The equals sign "=" and the plus sign "+" are not considered special characters.

## **Creating a Password Policy**

You can specify the following password requirements in the AWS Management Console:

- Minimum length, which must be at least 6 characters but fewer than 99 characters
- · Require numbers
- Require a special character from this set:

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^ $ * . [ ] { } ( ) ? - " ! @ # % & / \ , > < ' : ; | _ ~ `
```

· Require uppercase letters

#### · Require lowercase letters

## Configuring an Admin Create User Policy

You can specify the following policies for Admin Create User:

- Specify whether to allow users to sign themselves up. This option is set by default. If it is
  not set, only administrators can create users in this pool and calls to the SignUp API fail with
  NotAuthorizedException.
- Specify the user account expiration time limit (in days) for new accounts. The default setting is 7 days, measured from the time when the user account is created. The maximum setting is 90 days. After the account expires, the user cannot log in to the account until the administrator updates the user's profile by updating an attribute or by resending the password to the user.

#### Note

Once the user has logged in, the account never expires.

## Configuring Email or Phone Verification

You can choose settings for email or phone verification in the MFA and verifications tab.

Amazon Cognito can automatically verify email addresses or mobile phone numbers by sending a verification code—or, for email, a verification link. For email addresses, the code or link is sent in an email message. For phone numbers, the code is sent in an SMS text message.

Verification of a phone or email is necessary to automatically confirm users and enable recovery from forgotten passwords. Alternatively, you can automatically confirm users with the pre-sign up Lambda trigger or by using the AdminConfirmSignUp API. For more information, see Signing Up and Confirming User Accounts (p. 161).

The verification code or link is valid for 24 hours.

If verification is selected as required for email or phone, the verification code or link is automatically sent when a user signs up.

#### **Notes**

- Use of SMS text messaging for verifying phone numbers is charged separately by Amazon SNS. (There is no charge for sending verification codes to email addresses.) For information about Amazon SNS pricing, see Worldwide SMS Pricing. For the current list of countries where SMS messaging is available, see Supported Regions and Countries.
- When you test actions in your app that initiate emails from Amazon Cognito, use a real email address that Amazon Cognito can send to without incurring hard bounces. For more information, see the section called "Sending Emails While Testing Your App" (p. 167).
- The forgotten password flow requires either the user's email or the user's phone number to be verified.

#### **Important**

If a user signs up with both a phone number and an email address, and your user pool settings require verification of both attributes, a verification code is sent via SMS to the phone. The email address is not verified, so your app needs to call GetUser to see if an email address is awaiting verification. If it is, the app should call GetUserAttributeVerificationCode to initiate the email verification flow and then submit the verification code by calling VerifyUserAttribute.

Spend limits can be specified for an AWS account and for individual messages, and the limits apply only to the cost of sending SMS messages. For more information, see https://aws.amazon.com/sns/faqs/.

## Authorizing Amazon Cognito to Send SMS Messages on Your Behalf

To send SMS messages to your users on your behalf, Amazon Cognito needs your permission. To grant that permission, you can create an AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM) role in the **MFA and verifications** tab of the Amazon Cognito console by choosing **Create role**.

# Configuring SMS and Email Verification Messages and User Invitation Messages

In the Message customizations tab, you can customize:

- · Your SMS text message MFA message
- · Your SMS and email verification messages
- · The verification type for email—code or link
- · Your user invitation messages
- · From and Reply-To email addresses for emails going through your user pool

#### Note

The SMS and email verification message templates only appear if you have chosen to require phone number and email verification in the **Verifications** tab. Similarly, the SMS MFA message template only appears if the MFA setting is REQUIRED or OPTIONAL.

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- Customizing Email Verification Messages (p. 216)
- Customizing User Invitation Messages (p. 217)
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## **Message Templates**

Message templates allow you to insert a field into your message using a placeholder that will be replaced with the corresponding value.

#### **Template placeholders**

Description	Token
Verification code	{####}
Temporary password	{####}
User name	{username}

You can use advanced security template placeholders to:

• Include specific details about an event such as IP address, city, country, login time, and device name, for analysis by Amazon Cognito advanced security features.

- · Verify whether a one-click link is valid.
- Build your own one-click link using event ID, feedback token, and username.

#### Advanced security template placeholders

Description	Token
IP address	{ip-address}
City	{city}
Country	{country}
Login time	{login-time}
Device name	{device-name}
One click link is valid	{one-click-link-valid}
One click link is invalid	{one-click-link-invalid}
Event ID	{event-id}
Feedback token	{feedback-token}

## Customizing the SMS Message

You can customize the SMS message for MFA authentication by editing the template under the **Do you want to customize your SMS messages?** heading.

#### **Important**

Your custom message must contain the {####} placeholder, which is replaced with the authentication code before the message is sent.

The maximum length for the message is 140 UTF-8 characters, including the authentication code.

#### **Customizing SMS Verification Messages**

You can customize the SMS message for phone number verifications by editing the template under the **Do you want to customize your SMS verification messages?** heading.

#### **Important**

Your custom message must contain the {####} placeholder, which is replaced with the verification code before the message is sent.

The maximum length for the message is 140 UTF-8 characters, including the verification code.

## **Customizing Email Verification Messages**

You can choose the verification type for email verifications: code or link.

You can customize the email subject and message for email address verifications by editing the template under the **Do you want to customize your email verification messages?** heading.

#### **Important**

If you have chosen code as the verification type, your custom message must contain the {####} placeholder, which is replaced with the verification code before the message is sent.

The maximum length for the message is 20,000 UTF-8 characters, including the verification code (if present). HTML tags can be used in these emails.

## **Customizing User Invitation Messages**

You can customize the user invitation message that Amazon Cognito sends to new users via SMS or email by editing the templates under the **Do you want to customize your user invitation messages?** heading.

#### **Important**

Your custom message must contain the {username} and {####} placeholders, which are replaced with the user's username and password before the message is sent.

For SMS, the maximum length is 140 UTF-8 characters, including the verification code. For email, the maximum length for the message is 20,000 UTF-8 characters, including the verification code. HTML tags can be used in these emails.

## **Customizing Your Email Address**

By default, the email messages that Amazon Cognito sends to users in your user pools come from **no-reply@verificationemail.com**. You can specify custom FROM email addresses and REPLY-TO email addresses to be used instead of **no-reply@verificationemail.com**.

To customize the FROM email address, choose **Add custom FROM address** and follow the instructions to verify your Amazon Simple Email Service identity. Choose an AWS Region and an Amazon SES verified identity. For more information, see Verifying Email Addresses and Domains in Amazon SES in the Amazon Simple Email Service Developer Guide.

To customize the REPLY-TO email address, choose **Add custom REPLY-TO address** and enter a valid email address.

# Authorizing Amazon Cognito to Send Amazon SES Email on Your Behalf (from a Custom FROM Email Address)

If you want to send email from a custom FROM email address instead of the default, Amazon Cognito needs your permission to send email messages to your users on behalf of your Amazon SES verified identity. To grant that permission, create a sending authorization policy. For more information, see Using Sending Authorization with Amazon SES in the Amazon Simple Email Service Developer Guide.

The following is an example of an Amazon SES sending authorization policy for Amazon Cognito User Pools. For more examples, see Amazon SES Sending Authorization Policy Examples in the Amazon Simple Email Service Developer Guide.

#### Note

In this example, the "Sid" value is an arbitrary string that uniquely identifies the statement. For more information about policy syntax, see Amazon SES Sending Authorization Policies in the Amazon Simple Email Service Developer Guide.

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The Amazon Cognito console adds this policy for you when you select an Amazon SES identity from the drop-down menu. If you use the CLI or API to configure the user pool, you must attach this policy to your Amazon SES Identity.

## Adding Cost Allocation Tags to Your User Pool

In the **Tags** tab, you can add cost allocation tags to categorize and track your AWS costs. When you apply tags to your AWS resources (such as Amazon Cognito User Pools), your AWS cost allocation report includes usage and costs aggregated by tags. You can apply tags that represent business categories (such as cost centers, application names, and owners) to organize your costs across multiple services. For more information, see Using Cost Allocation Tags in the AWS Billing and Cost Management User Guide.

To add a tag, choose **Add tag**. Specify a **Tag key** and **Tag value**, following the restrictions listed in **Tag** Restrictions. Choose **Save changes** to save your tag.

#### **Important**

In order for tags to appear on your billing reports, you must activate your applied tags in the billing console. For more information, see Activating User-Defined Cost Allocation Tags in the AWS Billing and Cost Management User Guide.

## Specifying User Pool Device Tracking Settings

As a way of providing additional security, you can track devices that users have logged in to. This topic describes how to add device tracking to your Amazon Cognito User Pools in the AWS Management Console.

## **Setting Up Remembered Devices**

With Amazon Cognito User Pools, you can choose to have Amazon Cognito remember devices used to access your application and associate these remembered devices with your application's users in a user pool. You can also choose to use remembered devices to stop sending codes to your users when you have set up multi-factor authentication (MFA).

When setting up the remembered devices functionality through the Amazon Cognito console, you have three options: Always, User Opt-In, and No.

- No (default) Devices are not remembered.
- Always Every device used by your application's users is remembered.
- User Opt-In Your user's device is only remembered if that user opts to remember the device.

If either **Always** or **User Opt-In** is selected, a device identifier (key and secret) will be assigned to each device the first time a user signs in with that device. This key will not be used for anything other than identifying the device, but it will be tracked by the service.

If you select **Always**, Amazon Cognito will use the device identifier (key and secret) to authenticate the device on every user sign-in with that device as part of the user authentication flow.

If you select **User Opt-In**, you can remember devices only when your application's users opt to do so. When a user signs in with a new device, the response from the request to initiate tracking indicates whether the user should be prompted about remembering their device. You must create the user interface to prompt users. If the user opts to have the device remembered, the device status is updated with a 'remembered' state.

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The AWS Mobile SDKs have additional APIs to see remembered devices (ListDevices, GetDevice), mark a device as remembered or not remembered (UpdateDeviceStatus), and stop tracking a device (ForgetDevice). In the REST API, there are additional administrator versions of these APIs that have elevated privileges and work on any user. They have API names such as AdminListDevices, AdminGetDevice, and so on. They are not exposed through the SDKs.

# Using Remembered Devices to Suppress Multi Factor Authentication (MFA)

If you have selected either **Always** or **User Opt-In**, you also can suppress MFA challenges on remembered devices for the users of your application. To use this feature, you must enable MFA for your user pool. For more information, see Adding Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) to a User Pool (p. 110).

#### Note

If the device remembering feature is set to Always and Do you want to use a remembered device to suppress the second factor during multi-factor authentication (MFA)? is set to Yes, then the MFA settings for medium/high risks in risk-based MFA are ignored.

## Configuring a User Pool App Client

An app is an entity within a user pool that has permission to call unauthenticated APIs (APIs that do not have an authenticated user), such as APIs to register, sign in, and handle forgotten passwords. To call these APIs, you need an app client ID and an optional client secret. It is your responsibility to secure any app client IDs or secrets so that only authorized client apps can call these unauthenticated APIs.

You can create multiple apps for a user pool, and generally an app corresponds to the platform of an app. For example, you may create an app for a server-side application and a different Android app. Each app has its own app client ID.

When you create an app, you can optionally choose to create a secret for that app. If a secret is created for the app, the secret must be provided to use the app. Browser-based applications written in JavaScript may not need an app with a secret.

Secrets cannot be changed after an app is created. You can create a new app with a new secret if you want to rotate the secret that you are using. You can also delete an app to block access from apps that use that app client ID.

#### To create an app

- 1. On the **Apps** tab in **Create a user pool**, choose **Add an app client**.
- 2. Specify an **App client name**.
- 3. Specify the app's **Refresh token expiration (days)**. The default value is 30. You can change it to any value between 1 and 3650.
- 4. By default, user pools generate a client secret for your app. If you don't want that to happen, clear **Generate client secret**.
- 5. If your app is a server app that requires developer credentials (using Signature Version 4) and doesn't use Secure Remote Protocol (SRP) authentication, select **Enable sign-in API for server-based authentication (ADMIN\_NO\_SRP\_AUTH)** to enable server-side authentication. For more information, see Admin Authentication Flow (p. 194).
- 6. By default, user pools allow your app to read and write all attributes. If you want to set different permissions for your app, perform the following steps.
  - a. Choose Set attribute read and write permissions.
  - b. You can set read and write permissions in both of the following ways:

- By choosing one or more scopes. Each scope is a set of standard attributes. For more information, see the list of standard OIDC scopes.
- · By choosing individual standard or custom attributes.

#### Note

You cannot remove required attributes from write permissions in any app.

- 7. Choose Create app client.
- 8. If you want to create another app, choose Add an app.
- 9. Once you've created all the apps you want, choose **Save changes**.

You can also use the CLI commands, **create-user-pool-client** and **update-user-pool-client**, and the APIs, CreateUserPoolClient and UpdateUserPoolClient, to create and update app clients on a user pool.

## Configuring User Pool Lambda Triggers

You can use AWS Lambda triggers to customize workflows and the user experience with Amazon Cognito. You can create the following Lambda triggers: Pre sign-up, Pre authentication, Custom message, Post authentication, Post confirmation, Define Auth Challenge, Create Auth Challenge, Verify Auth Challenge Response, and User Migration.

A user migration Lambda trigger allows easy migration of users from your existing user management system into your user pool.

For examples of each Lambda trigger, see Customizing User Pool Workflows with Lambda Triggers (p. 121).

#### Note

The **Custom message** AWS Lambda trigger is an advanced way to customize messages for email and SMS. For more information, see Customizing User Pool Workflows with Lambda Triggers (p. 121).

## Reviewing Your User Pool Creation Settings

Before you create your user pool, you can review the different settings and edit them in the AWS Management Console. Amazon Cognito validates the user pool settings and warns you if something needs to be changed. For example:

#### Warning

This user pool does not have an IAM role defined to allow Amazon Cognito to send SMS messages, so it will not be able to confirm phone numbers or for MFA after August 31, 2016. You can define the IAM role by selecting a role on the **Verifications** panel.

If you see a message, follow the instructions to fix them before choosing Create pool.

## **Configuring User Pool Analytics**

#### Note

The **Analytics** tab appears only when you're editing an existing user pool.

Using Amazon Pinpoint Analytics, you can track Amazon Cognito User Pools sign-ups, sign-ins, failed authentications, daily active users (DAUs), and monthly active users (MAUs). You can also set up user attributes specific to your app using the AWS Mobile SDK for Android or AWS Mobile SDK for iOS. Those can then be used to segment your users in Amazon Pinpoint and send them targeted push notifications.

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In the **Analytics** tab, you can specify an Amazon Pinpoint project for your Amazon Cognito app client. For more information, see Using Amazon Pinpoint Analytics with Amazon Cognito User Pools (p. 159).

#### To add analytics and campaigns

- 1. Choose Add analytics and campaigns.
- 2. Choose a Cognito app client from the list.
- 3. To map your Amazon Cognito app to an **Amazon Pinpoint project**, choose the Amazon Pinpoint project from the list.

#### Note

The Amazon Pinpoint project ID is a 32-character string that is unique to your Amazon Pinpoint project. It is listed the Amazon Pinpoint console.

You can map multiple Amazon Cognito apps to a single Amazon Pinpoint project. However, each Amazon Cognito app can only be mapped to one Amazon Pinpoint project. In Amazon Pinpoint, each project should be a single app. For example, if a game developer has two games, each game should be a separate Amazon Pinpoint project, even if both games use the same Amazon Cognito User Pools.

4. Choose **Share user attribute data with Amazon Pinpoint** if you want Amazon Cognito to send email addresses and phone numbers to Amazon Pinpoint in order to create additional endpoints for users.

#### Note

An *endpoint* uniquely identifies a user device to which you can send push notifications with Amazon Pinpoint. For more information about endpoints, see Adding Endpoints the Amazon Pinpoint Developer Guide.

- 5. Enter an **IAM role** that you already created or choose **Create new role** to create a new role in the IAM console.
- 6. Choose **Save changes**.
- 7. To specify additional app mappings, choose **Add app mapping**.
- 8. Choose Save changes.

## **Configuring App Client Settings**

#### Note

The **App client settings** tab appears only when you're editing an existing user pool.

On the **App client settings** tab, you must configure at least one identity provider (IdP) for your apps if you want to use the built-in hosted pages to sign up and sign in users or you want to use OAuth2.0 flows. For more information, see Configuring a User Pool App Client (p. 76).

#### To specify app client settings for your user pool

- 1. In **Enabled Identity Providers**, select the identity providers you want for the apps that you configured in the **App Clients** tab.
- 2. Enter the **Callback URLs** you want, separated by commas. These URLs apply to all of the selected identity providers.

#### Note

You must register the URLs in the console, or by using the CLI or API, before you can use them in your app.

3. Enter the Sign out URLs you want, separated by commas.

#### Note

You must register the URLs in the console, or by using the CLI or API, before you can use them in your app.

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- 4. Under **OAuth 2.0**, select the from the following options. For more information, see App Client Settings Overview (p. 76) and the OAuth 2.0 specification.
  - For Allowed OAuth Flows, select Authorized code grant and Implicit grant. Select Client credentials only if your app needs to request access tokens on its own behalf, not on behalf of a user.
  - For Allowed OAuth Scopes, select the scopes you want. Each scope is a set of one or more standard attributes.
  - For **Allowed Custom Scopes**, select the scopes you want from any custom scopes that you have defined. Custom scopes are defined in the **Resource Servers** tab. For more information, see Defining Resource Servers for Your User Pool (p. 88).

## Adding a Domain Name for Your User Pool

#### Note

The **Domain name** tab appears only when you're editing an existing user pool.

On the **Domain name** tab, you can enter your own prefix domain name. The domain for your app is https://<domain prefix>.auth.<reqion>.amazoncognito.com.

The full URL for your app will look like this example: https://example.auth.us-east-1.amazoncognito.com/login?redirect\_uri=https://www.google.com&response\_type=code&client\_id=<client\_id\_value>

For more information, see Configuring a User Pool Domain (p. 80).

#### **Important**

Before you can access the URL for your app, you must specify app client settings such as callback and redirect URLs. For more information, see Configuring App Client Settings (p. 221).

#### To specify a domain name for your user pool

- 1. Enter the domain name you want in the **Prefix domain name** box.
- 2. Choose Check availability as needed.
- 3. Choose Save changes.

# Customizing the Built-in App UI to Sign Up and Sign In Users

#### Note

The **UI customization** tab appears only when you're editing an existing user pool.

On the UI customization tab, you can add your own customizations to the default app UI.

For detailed information about each of the customization fields, see Customizing the Built-in Sign-in and Sign-up Webpages (p. 85).

#### Note

You can view the hosted UI with your customizations by constructing the following URL, with the specifics for your user pool, and typing it into a browser: https://<your\_domain>/login? response\_type=code&client\_id=<your\_app\_client\_id>&redirect\_uri=<your\_callback\_url> You may have to wait up to one minute to refresh your browser before changes made in the console appear.

Your domain is shown on the **Domain name** tab. Your app client ID and callback URL are shown on the **App client settings** tab.

#### To customize the built-in app UI

- 1. Under **App client to customize**, choose the app you want to customize from the dropdown menu of app clients that you previously created in the **App clients** tab.
- 2. To add a logo to the default app UI, choose Choose a file or drag a file onto the Logo box.
- Under CSS customizations (optional), you can customize the appearance of the app by changing various properties from their default values.
- 4. Choose Save changes.

## Adding Resource Servers for Your User Pool

#### Note

The **Resource Servers** tab appears only when you're editing an existing user pool.

A *resource server* is a server for access-protected resources. It handles authenticated requests from an app that has an access token. A *scope* is a level of access that an app can request to a resource.

In the **Resource Servers** tab, you can define custom resource servers and scopes for your user pool. For more information, see Defining Resource Servers for Your User Pool (p. 88).

#### To define a custom resource server

- Choose Add a resource server.
- 2. Enter the name of your resource server, for example, Photo Server.
- 3. Enter the identifier of your resource server, for example.com.example.photos.
- 4. Enter the names of the custom scopes for your resources, such as read and write.
- For each of the scope names, enter a description, such as view your photos and update your photos.

Each of the custom scopes that you define appears on the **App client settings** tab, under **OAuth2.0 Allowed Custom Scopes**; for example com.example.photos/read.

## Configuring Identity Providers for Your User Pool

#### Note

The Identity providers tab appears only when you're editing an existing user pool.

In the **Identity providers** tab, you can specify identity providers (IdPs) for your user pool. For more information, see Adding User Pool Sign-in Through a Third Party (p. 90).

#### **Topics**

- Allowing Users to Sign in Using a Social Identity Provider (p. 223)
- Allowing Users to Sign in Using an OpenID Connect (OIDC) Identity Provider (p. 224)
- Allowing Users to Sign in Using SAML (p. 225)

## Allowing Users to Sign in Using a Social Identity Provider

You can use federation for Amazon Cognito User Pools to integrate with social identity providers such as Facebook, Google, and Login with Amazon.

To add a social identity provider, you first create a developer account with the identity provider. Once you have your developer account, you register your app with the identity provider. The identity provider

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creates an app ID and an app secret for your app, and you configure those values in your Amazon Cognito User Pools.

Here are links to help you get started with social identity providers:

- · Google Identity Platform
- · Facebook for Developers
- Login with Amazon

#### To allow users to sign in using a social identity provider

- 1. Choose a social identity provider such as Facebook, Google, or Login with Amazon.
- 2. For the Facebook (or Google or Amazon) app ID, enter the app ID that you received when you created your Facebook, Google, or Login with Amazon client app.
- 3. For App secret, enter the app secret that you received when you created your client app.
- 4. For Authorize scopes, enter the names of the social identity provider scopes that you want to map to user pool attributes. Scopes define which user attributes (such as name and email) you want to access with your app. For Facebook, these should be separated by commas (for example, public\_profile, email). For Google and Login with Amazon, they should be separated by spaces. (Google example: profile email openid. Login with Amazon example: profile postal\_code.)

The end-user is asked to consent to providing these attributes to your app. For more information about their scopes, see the documentation from Google, Facebook, and Login with Amazon.

5. Choose Enable Facebook (or Enable Google or Enable Login with Amazon).

For more information on Social IdPs see Adding Social Identity Providers to a User Pool (p. 91).

# Allowing Users to Sign in Using an OpenID Connect (OIDC) Identity Provider

You can enable your users to sign in through an OIDC identity provider (IdP) such as Salesforce or Ping Identity.

- 1. Go to the Amazon Cognito console. You might be prompted for your AWS credentials.
- 2. Choose Manage your User Pools.
- 3. Choose an existing user pool from the list, or create a user pool.
- 4. On the left navigation bar, choose **Identity providers**.
- 5. Choose OpenId Connect.
- 6. Type a unique name into **Provider name**.
- 7. Type the OIDC IdP's client ID into Client ID.
- 8. Type the OIDC IdP's client secret into **Client secret**.
- 9. In the drop-down list, choose the HTTP method (either GET or POST) that's used to fetch the details of the user from the **userinfo** endpoint into **Attributes request method**.
- 10. Type the names of the scopes that you want to authorize. Scopes define which user attributes (such as name and email) that you want to access with your application. Scopes are separated by spaces, according to the OAuth 2.0 specification.

Your app user is asked to consent to providing these attributes to your application.

11. Type the URL of your IdP and choose **Run discovery**.

For example, Salesforce uses this URL:

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https://login.salesforce.com

#### Note

The URL should start with https://, and shouldn't end with a slash /.

- If Run discovery isn't successful, then you need to provide the Authorization endpoint, Token endpoint, Userinfo endpoint, and Jwks uri (the location of the JSON Web Key).
- 12. Choose Create provider.
- 13. On the left navigation bar, choose App client settings.
- 14. Select your OIDC provider as one of the **Enabled Identity Providers**.
- Type a callback URL for the Amazon Cognito authorization server to call after users are authenticated. This is the URL of the page where your user will be redirected after a successful signin.

https://www.examle.com

 Under Allowed OAuth Flows, enable both the Authorization code grant and the Implicit code grant.

Unless you specifically want to exclude one, select the check boxes for all of the **Allowed OAuth scopes**.

- 17. Choose **Save changes**.
- 18. On the **Attribute mapping** tab on the left navigation bar, add mappings of OIDC claims to user pool attributes.
  - a. As a default, the OIDC claim sub is mapped to the user pool attribute Username. You can map other OIDC claims to user pool attributes. Type in the OIDC claim, and choose the corresponding user pool attribute from the drop-down list. For example, the claim email is often mapped to the user pool attribute Email.
  - b. In the drop-down list, choose the destination user pool attribute.
  - c. Choose Save changes.
  - d. Choose Go to summary.

For more information on OIDC IdPs see Adding OIDC Identity Providers to a User Pool (p. 102).

## Allowing Users to Sign in Using SAML

You can use federation for Amazon Cognito User Pools to integrate with a SAML identity provider (IdP). You supply a metadata document, either by uploading the file or by entering a metadata document endpoint URL. For information about obtaining metadata documents for third-party SAML IdPs, see Integrating Third-Party SAML Identity Providers with Amazon Cognito User Pools (p. 101).

#### To allow users to sign in using SAML

- 1. Choose **SAML** to display the SAML identity provider options.
- 2. To upload a metadata document, choose **Select file**, or enter a metadata document endpoint URL. The metadata document must be a valid XML file.
- Enter your SAML Provider name, for example, "SAML\_provider\_1", and any Identifiers you want.
  The provider name is required; the identifiers are optional. For more information, see Adding SAML Identity Providers to a User Pool (p. 95).
- 4. Select **Enable IdP sign out flow** when you want your user to be logged out from a SAML IdP when logging out from Amazon Cognito.

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Enabling this flow sends a signed logout request to the SAML IdP when the LOGOUT Endpoint (p. 333) is called.

#### Note

If this option is selected and your SAML identity provider expects a signed logout request, you will also need to configure the signing certificate provided by Amazon Cognito with your SAML IdP.

The SAML IdP will process the signed logout request and logout your user from the Amazon Cognito session.

- 5. Choose Create provider.
- 6. To create additional providers, repeat the previous steps.

#### Note

If you see InvalidParameterException while creating a SAML identity provider with an HTTPS metadata endpoint URL, for example, "Error retrieving metadata from <metadata endpoint>," make sure that the metadata endpoint has SSL correctly set up and that there is a valid SSL certificate associated with it.

#### To set up the SAML IdP to add a signing certificate

• To get the certificate containing the public key which will be used by the identity provider to verify the signed logout request, choose **Show signing certificate** under **Active SAML Providers** on the **SAML** dialog under **Identity providers** on the **Federation** console page.

For more information on SAML IdPs see Adding SAML Identity Providers to a User Pool (p. 95).

## Configuring Attribute Mapping for Your User Pool

#### Note

The Attribute mapping tab appears only when you're editing an existing user pool.

On the **Attribute mapping** tab, you can map identity provider (IdP) attributes or assertions to user pool attributes. For more information, see Specifying Identity Provider Attribute Mappings for Your User Pool (p. 107).

#### Note

Currently, only the Facebook id, Google sub, and Login with Amazon user\_id attributes can be mapped to the Amazon Cognito User Pools username attribute.

#### Note

The attribute in the user pool must be large enough to fit the values of the mapped identity provider attributes, or an error occurs when users sign in. Custom attributes should be set to the maximum 2048 character size if mapped to identity provider tokens.

You must create mappings for any attributes that are required for your user pool.

#### To specify a social identity provider attribute mapping for your user pool

- 1. Choose the Facebook, Google, or Amazon tab.
- 2. For each attribute you need to map, perform the following steps:
  - a. Choose the **Capture** check box.
  - b. In the **User pool attribute** field, choose the user pool attribute to map the social identity provider attribute to from the drop-down list.
  - c. If you need more attributes, choose **Add Facebook attribute** (or **Add Google attribute** or **Add Amazon attribute**) and perform the following steps:

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- In the Facebook attribute (or Google attribute or Amazon attribute) field, enter the name of the attribute to be mapped.
- ii. For **User pool attribute**, choose the user pool attribute you want to map to the social identity provider attribute to from the drop-down list.
- d. Choose Save changes.

#### To specify a SAML provider attribute mapping for your user pool

- 1. Choose the **SAML** tab.
- 2. For each attribute you need to map, perform the following steps:
  - a. Choose Add SAML attribute.
  - b. In the **SAML attribute** field, enter the name of the SAML attribute to be mapped.
  - c. For **User pool attribute**, choose the user pool attribute you want to map to the SAML attribute from the drop-down list.
  - d. Choose **Save changes**.

# Amazon Cognito Identity Pools (Federated Identities)

Amazon Cognito identity pools (federated identities) enable you to create unique identities for your users and federate them with identity providers. With an identity pool, you can obtain temporary, limited-privilege AWS credentials to access other AWS services. Amazon Cognito identity pools support the following identity providers:

- Public providers: Login with Amazon (Identity Pools) (p. 261), Facebook (Identity Pools) (p. 256), Google (Identity Pools) (p. 264).
- Amazon Cognito User Pools (p. 13)
- Open ID Connect Providers (Identity Pools) (p. 270)
- SAML Identity Providers (Identity Pools) (p. 272)
- Developer Authenticated Identities (Identity Pools) (p. 273)

For information about Amazon Cognito identity pools region availability, see AWS Service Region Availability.

For more information about Amazon Cognito identity pools, see the following topics.

#### **Topics**

- Getting Started with Amazon Cognito Identity Pools (Federated Identities) (p. 228)
- Using Identity Pools (Federated Identities) (p. 230)
- Identity Pools Concepts (Federated Identities) (p. 234)
- Role-Based Access Control (p. 245)
- Getting Credentials (p. 248)
- Accessing AWS Services (p. 254)
- Identity Pools (Federated Identities) External Identity Providers (p. 255)
- Developer Authenticated Identities (Identity Pools) (p. 273)
- Switching Unauthenticated Users to Authenticated Users (Identity Pools) (p. 284)

# Getting Started with Amazon Cognito Identity Pools (Federated Identities)

Amazon Cognito identity pools enable you to create unique identities and assign permissions for users. Your identity pool can include:

- · Users in an Amazon Cognito user pool
- Users who authenticate with external identity providers such as Facebook, Google, or a SAML-based identity provider
- Users authenticated via your own existing authentication process

With an identity pool, you can obtain temporary AWS credentials with permissions you define to directly access other AWS services or to access resources through Amazon API Gateway.

#### **Topics**

- Sign Up for an AWS Account (p. 229)
- Create an Identity Pool in Amazon Cognito (p. 229)
- Install the Mobile or JavaScript SDK (p. 229)
- Integrate the Identity Providers (p. 230)
- Get Credentials (p. 230)

## Sign Up for an AWS Account

To use Amazon Cognito identity pools, you need an AWS account. If you don't already have one, use the following procedure to sign up:

#### To sign up for an AWS account

- 1. Open https://portal.aws.amazon.com/billing/signup.
- 2. Follow the online instructions.

Part of the sign-up procedure involves receiving a phone call and entering a verification code on the phone keypad.

## Create an Identity Pool in Amazon Cognito

You can create an identity pool through the Amazon Cognito console, or you can use the AWS Command Line Interface (CLI) or the Amazon Cognito APIs.

#### To create a new identity pool in the console

- Sign in to the Amazon Cognito console, choose Manage Identity Pools, and then choose Create new identity pool.
- 2. Type a name for your identity pool.
- To enable unauthenticated identities select Enable access to unauthenticated identities from the Unauthenticated identities collapsible section.
- 4. If desired, configure an authentication provider in the **Authentication providers** section.
- 5. Choose Create Pool.

#### Note

At least one identity is required for a valid identity pool.

6. You will be prompted for access to your AWS resources.

Choose **Allow** to create the two default roles associated with your identity pool—one for unauthenticated users and one for authenticated users. These default roles provide your identity pool access to Amazon Cognito Sync. You can modify the roles associated with your identity pool in the IAM console.

## Install the Mobile or JavaScript SDK

To use Amazon Cognito identity pools, you must install and configure the AWS Mobile or JavaScript SDK. For more information, see the following topics:

- · Set Up the AWS Mobile SDK for Android
- Set Up the AWS Mobile SDK for iOS
- · Set Up the AWS SDK for JavaScript
- · Set Up the AWS Mobile SDK for Unity
- Set Up the AWS Mobile SDK for .NET and Xamarin

## Integrate the Identity Providers

Amazon Cognito identity pools (federated identities) support user authentication through Amazon Cognito user pools, federated identity providers—including Amazon, Facebook, Google, and SAML identity providers—as well as unauthenticated identities. This feature also supports Developer Authenticated Identities (Identity Pools) (p. 273), which lets you register and authenticate users via your own back-end authentication process.

To learn more about using an Amazon Cognito user pool to create your own user directory, see Amazon Cognito User Pools (p. 13) and Accessing AWS Services Using an Identity Pool After Sign-in (p. 204).

To learn more about using external identity providers, see Identity Pools (Federated Identities) External Identity Providers (p. 255).

To learn more about integrating your own back-end authentication process, see Developer Authenticated Identities (Identity Pools) (p. 273).

### **Get Credentials**

Amazon Cognito identity pools provide temporary AWS credentials for users who are guests (unauthenticated) and for users who have authenticated and received a token. With those AWS credentials your app can securely access a back end in AWS or outside AWS through Amazon API Gateway. See Getting Credentials (p. 248).

## Using Identity Pools (Federated Identities)

Amazon Cognito identity pools provide temporary AWS credentials for users who are guests (unauthenticated) and for users who have been authenticated and received a token. An identity pool is a store of user identity data specific to your account.

#### To create a new identity pool in the console

- 1. Sign in to the Amazon Cognito console, choose Manage Identity Pools, and then choose Create new identity pool.
- 2. Type a name for your identity pool.
- 3. To enable unauthenticated identities select **Enable access to unauthenticated identities** from the **Unauthenticated identities** collapsible section.
- 4. If desired, configure an authentication provider in the **Authentication providers** section.
- 5. Choose Create Pool.

#### Note

At least one identity is required for a valid identity pool.

6. You will be prompted for access to your AWS resources.

Choose **Allow** to create the two default roles associated with your identity pool—one for unauthenticated users and one for authenticated users. These default roles provide your identity

pool access to Amazon Cognito Sync. You can modify the roles associated with your identity pool in the IAM console. For additional instructions on working with the Amazon Cognito console, see Using the Amazon Cognito Console (p. 3).

#### User IAM Roles

An IAM role defines the permissions for your users to access AWS resources, like Amazon Cognito Sync (p. 287). Users of your application will assume the roles you create. You can specify different roles for authenticated and unauthenticated users. To learn more about IAM roles, see IAM Roles (p. 239).

### Authenticated and Unauthenticated Identities

Amazon Cognito identity pools support both authenticated and unauthenticated identities. Authenticated identities belong to users who are authenticated by any supported identity provider. Unauthenticated identities typically belong to guest users.

- To configure authenticated identities with a public login provider, see Identity Pools (Federated Identities) External Identity Providers (p. 255).
- To configure your own backend authentication process, see Developer Authenticated Identities (Identity Pools) (p. 273).

## Enable or disable unauthenticated identities

Amazon Cognito Identity Pools can support unauthenticated identities by providing a unique identifier and AWS credentials for users who do not authenticate with an identity provider. If your application allows users who do not log in, you can enable access for unauthenticated identities. To learn more, see Getting Started with Amazon Cognito Identity Pools (Federated Identities) (p. 228).

Choose Manage Identity Pools from the Amazon Cognito console:

- 1. Click the name of the identity pool for which you want to enable or disable unauthenticated identities. The **Dashboard page** for your identity pool appears.
- 2. In the top-right corner of the Dashboard page, click **Edit identity pool**. The **Edit identity pool** page appears.
- 3. Scroll down and click Unauthenticated identities to expand it.
- 4. Select the checkbox to enable or disable access to unauthenticated identities.
- 5. Click Save Changes.

## Change the role associated with an identity type

Identity pools define two types of identities: authenticated and unauthenticated. Every identity in your identity pool is either authenticated or unauthenticated. Authenticated identities belong to users who are authenticated by a public login provider (Amazon Cognito user pools, Facebook, Amazon, Google, SAML, or any OpenID Connect Providers) or a developer provider (your own backend authentication process). Unauthenticated identities typically belong to guest users.

For each identity type, there is an assigned role. This role has a policy attached to it which dictates which AWS services that role can access. When Amazon Cognito receives a request, the service will determine the identity type, determine the role assigned to that identity type, and use the policy attached to that role to respond. By modifying a policy or assigning a different role to an identity type, you can control which AWS services an identity type can access. To view or modify the policies associated with the roles in your identity pool, see the AWS IAM Console.

You can change which role is associated with an identity type using the Amazon Cognito identity pool (federated identities) console. Choose **Manage Identity Pools** from the Amazon Cognito console:

- 1. Click the name of the identity pool for which you want to modify roles. The **Dashboard page** for your identity pool appears.
- In the top-right corner of the Dashboard page, click Edit identity pool. The Edit identity pool page appears.
- 3. Use the dropdown menus next to **Unauthenticated role** and **Authenticated role** to change roles. Click **Create new role** to create or modify the roles associated with each identity type in the AWS IAM console. For more information, see IAM Roles.

## Enable or edit authentication providers

If you allow your users to authenticate using public identity providers (e.g. Amazon Cognito user pools, Facebook, Amazon), you can specify your application identifiers in the Amazon Cognito identity pools (federated identities) console. This associates the application ID (provided by the public login provider) with your identity pool.

You can also configure authentication rules for each provider from this page. Each provider allows up to 25 rules. The rules are applied in the order you save for each provider. For more information, see Role-Based Access Control (p. 245).

#### Warning

Changing the application ID to which an identity pool is linked will disable existing users from authenticating with that identity pool. Learn more about Identity Pools (Federated Identities) External Identity Providers (p. 255).

Choose Manage Identity Pools from the Amazon Cognito console:

- 1. Click the name of the identity pool for which you want to enable the external provider. The **Dashboard page** for your identity pool appears.
- In the top-right corner of the Dashboard page, click Edit identity pool. The Edit identity pool page appears.
- 3. Scroll down and click Authentication providers to expand it.
- 4. Click the tab for the appropriate provider and enter the required information associated with that authentication provider.

## Delete an Identity Pool

Choose Manage Identity Pools from the Amazon Cognito console:

- 1. Click the name of the identity pool that you want to delete. The **Dashboard page** for your identity pool appears.
- In the top-right corner of the Dashboard page, click Edit identity pool. The Edit identity pool page appears.
- 3. Scroll down and click Delete identity pool to expand it.
- 4. Click Delete identity pool.
- 5. Click Delete pool.

#### Warning

When you click the delete button, you will permanently delete your identity pool and all the user data it contains. Deleting an identity pool will cause applications and other services utilizing the identity pool to stop working.

## Delete an Identity from an Identity Pool

Choose Manage Identity Pools from the Amazon Cognito console:

- Click the name of the identity pool that contains the identity that you want to delete. The Dashboard page for your identity pool appears.
- 2. In the left-hand navigation on the Dashboard page, click **Identity browser**. The **Identities** page appears.
- 3. On the Identities page, enter the identity ID that you want to delete and then click Search.
- 4. On the Identity details page, click the Delete identity button, and then click Delete.

## **Managing Datasets**

If you have implemented Amazon Cognito Sync functionality in your application, the Amazon Cognito Identity Pools console enables you to manually create and delete datasets and records for individual identities. Any change you make to an identity's dataset or records in the Amazon Cognito Identity Pools console will not be saved until you click Synchronize in the console and will not be visible to the end user until the identity calls synchronize. The data being synchronized from other devices for individual identities will be visible once you refresh the list datasets page for a particular identity.

## Create a Dataset for an Identity

Choose Manage Identity Pools from the Amazon Cognito Identity Pools Amazon Cognito console:

- Click the name of the identity pool that contains the identity for which you want to create a dataset.
   The Dashboard page for your identity pool appears.
- In the left-hand navigation on the Dashboard page, click Identity browser. The Identities page appears.
- On the Identities page, enter the identity ID for which you want to create a dataset, and then click Search.
- 4. On the **Identity details** page for that identity, click the **Create dataset** button, enter a dataset name, and then click **Create and edit dataset**.
- 5. On the **Current dataset** page, click **Create record** to create a record to store in that dataset.
- Enter a key for that dataset, the valid JSON value or values to store, and then click Format as JSON to
  prettify the value you entered and to confirm that it is well-formed JSON. When finished, click Save
  Changes.
- 7. Click Synchronize to synchronize the dataset. Your changes will not be saved until you click Synchronize and will not be visible to the user until the identity calls synchronize. To discard unsynchronized changes, select the change you wish to discard, and then click Discard changes.

## Delete a Dataset Associated with an Identity

Choose Manage Identity Pools from the Amazon Cognito console:

- Click the name of the identity pool that contains the identity for which you want to delete a dataset.
   The Dashboard page for your identity pool appears.
- In the left-hand navigation on the Dashboard page, click Identity browser. The Identities page appears.
- 3. On the **Identities** page, enter the identity ID containing the dataset which you want to delete, and then click **Search**.

4. On the **Identity details** page, select the checkbox next to the dataset or datasets that you want to delete, click **Delete selected**, and then click **Delete**.

#### **Bulk Publish Data**

Bulk publish can be used to export data already stored in your Amazon Cognito Sync store to a Kinesis stream. For instructions on how to bulk publish all of your streams, see Amazon Cognito Streams (p. 313).

## **Enable Push Synchronization**

Amazon Cognito automatically tracks the association between identity and devices. Using the push sync feature, you can ensure that every instance of a given identity is notified when identity data changes. Push sync ensures that, whenever the sync store data changes for a particular identity, all devices associated with that identity receive a silent push notification informing them of the change.

You can enable Push Sync via the Amazon Cognito console. Choose **Manage Identity Pools** from the Amazon Cognito console:

- 1. Click the name of the identity pool for which you want to enable Push Sync. The **Dashboard page** for your identity pool appears.
- 2. In the top-right corner of the Dashboard page, click **Edit identity pool**. The **Edit identity pool** page appears.
- 3. Scroll down and click **Push synchronization** to expand it.
- 4. In the **Service role** dropdown menu, select the IAM role that grants Amazon Cognito permission to send an SNS notification. Click **Create role** to create or modify the roles associated with your identity pool in the AWS IAM console.
- 5. Select a platform application, and then click **Save Changes**.

## Set Up Amazon Cognito Streams

Amazon Cognito Streams gives developers control and insight into their data stored in Amazon Cognito Sync. Developers can now configure a Kinesis stream to receive events as data. Amazon Cognito can push each dataset change to a Kinesis stream you own in real time. For instructions on how to set up Amazon Cognito Streams in the Amazon Cognito console, see Amazon Cognito Streams (p. 313).

## Set Up Amazon Cognito Events

Amazon Cognito Events allows you to execute an AWS Lambda function in response to important events in Amazon Cognito Sync. Amazon Cognito Sync raises the Sync Trigger event when a dataset is synchronized. You can use the Sync Trigger event to take an action when a user updates data. For instructions on setting up Amazon Cognito Events from the console, see Amazon Cognito Events (p. 315).

To learn more about AWS Lambda, see AWS Lambda.

## Identity Pools Concepts (Federated Identities)

Amazon Cognito identity pools enable you to create unique identities for your users and authenticate them with identity providers. With an identity, you can obtain temporary, limited-privilege AWS

credentials to access other AWS services. Amazon Cognito identity pools support public identity providers—Amazon, Facebook, and Google—as well as unauthenticated identities. It also supports developer authenticated identities, which let you register and authenticate users via your own back-end authentication process.

For information about Amazon Cognito identity pools Region availability, see AWS Service Region Availability. For more information about Amazon Cognito identity pools concepts, see the following topics.

#### **Topics**

- Identity Pools (Federated Identities) Authentication Flow (p. 235)
- IAM Roles (p. 239)
- Role Trust and Permissions (p. 244)

# Identity Pools (Federated Identities) Authentication Flow

Amazon Cognito helps you create unique identifiers for your end users that are kept consistent across devices and platforms. Amazon Cognito also delivers temporary, limited-privilege credentials to your application to access AWS resources. This page covers the basics of how authentication in Amazon Cognito works and explains the life cycle of an identity inside your identity pool.

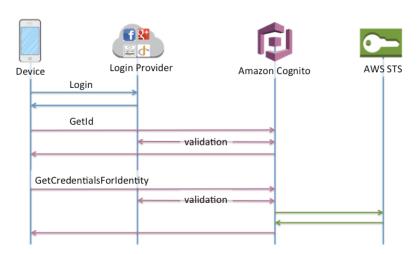
#### **External Provider Authflow**

A user authenticating with Amazon Cognito will go through a multi-step process to bootstrap their credentials. Amazon Cognito has two different flows for authentication with public providers: enhanced and basic.

Once you complete one of these flows, you can access other AWS services as defined by your role's access policies. By default, the Amazon Cognito console will create roles with access to the Amazon Cognito Sync store and to Amazon Mobile Analytics. For more information on how to grant additional access see IAM Roles (p. 239).

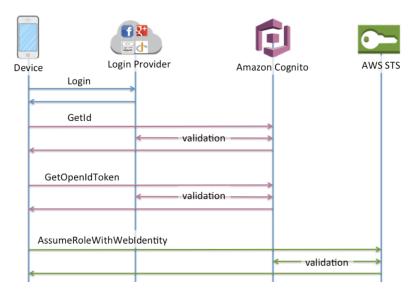
#### **Enhanced (Simplified) Authflow**

- 1. GetId
- 2. GetCredentialsForIdentity



#### Basic (Classic) Authflow

- 1. GetId
- 2. GetOpenIdToken
- AssumeRoleWithWebIdentity

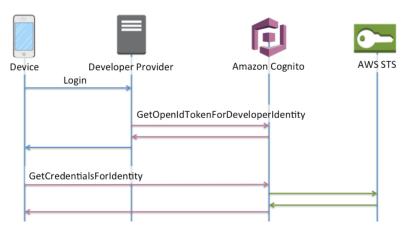


#### **Developer Authenticated Identities Authflow**

When using Developer Authenticated Identities (Identity Pools) (p. 273), the client will use a different authflow that will include code outside of Amazon Cognito to validate the user in your own authentication system. Code outside of Amazon Cognito is indicated as such.

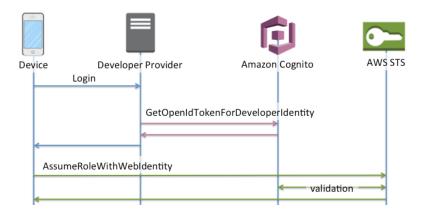
#### **Enhanced Authflow**

- 1. Login via Developer Provider (code outside of Amazon Cognito)
- 2. Validate the user's login (code outside of Amazon Cognito)
- 3. GetOpenIdTokenForDeveloperIdentity
- 4. GetCredentialsForIdentity



**Basic Authflow** 

- 1. Login via Developer Provider (code outside of Amazon Cognito)
- 2. Validate the user's login (code outside of Amazon Cognito)
- GetOpenIdTokenForDeveloperIdentity
- 4. AssumeRoleWithWebIdentity



#### Which Authflow Should I Use?

For most customers, the Enhanced Flow is the correct choice, as it offers many benefits over the Basic Flow:

- One fewer network call to get credentials on the device.
- All calls are made to Amazon Cognito, meaning it is also one less network connection.
- Roles no longer need to be embedded in your application, only an identity pool id and region are necessary to start bootstrapping credentials.

Since February 2015, the Amazon Cognito console displayed example code that used the Enhanced Flow. Additionally, the console will display a notification if your identity pool does not have the role association necessary to use the Enhanced Flow.

The following are the minimum SDK versions where the Enhanced Flow is supported:

#### **SDK (Minimum Version)**

- AWS SDK for iOS (2.0.14)
- · AWS SDK for Android (2.1.8)
- AWS SDK for JavaScript (2.1.7)
- AWS SDK for Unity (1.0.3)
- AWS SDK for Xamarin (3.0.0.5)

You may still wish to use the Basic Flow if you want to use more than the two default roles configured when you create a new identity pool in the console.

#### **API Summary**

#### GetId

The GetId API call is the first call necessary to establish a new identity in Amazon Cognito.

#### **Unauthenticated Access**

Amazon Cognito has the ability to allow unauthenticated guest access in your applications. If this feature is enabled in your identity pool, users can request a new identity ID at any time via the GetId API. The application is expected to cache this identity ID to make subsequent calls to Amazon Cognito. The AWS Mobile SDKs as well as the AWS SDK for JavaScript in the Browser have credentials providers that handle this caching for you.

#### **Authenticated Access**

When you've configured your application with support for a public login provider (Facebook, Google +, Login with Amazon), users will also be able to supply tokens (OAuth or OpenID Connect) that identify them in those providers. When used in a call to GetId, Amazon Cognito will either create a new authenticated identity or return the identity already associated with that particular login. Amazon Cognito does this by validating the token with the provider and ensuring that:

- The token is valid and from the configured provider
- · The token is not expired
- The token matches the application identifier created with that provider (e.g., Facebook app ID)
- The token matches the user identifier

#### GetCredentialsForIdentity

The GetCredentialsForIdentity API can be called after you establish an identity ID. This API is functionally equivalent to calling GetOpenIdToken followed by AssumeRoleWithWebIdentity.

In order for Amazon Cognito to call AssumeRoleWithWebIdentity on your behalf, your identity pool must have IAM roles associated with it. You can do this via the Amazon Cognito Console or manually via the SetIdentityPoolRoles operation (see the API reference)

#### GetOpenIdToken

The GetOpenIdToken API call is called after you establish an identity ID. If you have a cached identity ID, this can be the first call you make during an app session.

#### **Unauthenticated Access**

To obtain a token for an unauthenticated identity, you only need the identity ID itself. It is not possible to get an unauthenticated token for authenticated or disabled identities.

#### **Authenticated Access**

If you have an authenticated identity, you must pass at least one valid token for a login already associated with that identity. All tokens passed in during the GetOpenIdToken call must pass the same validation mentioned earlier; if any of the tokens fail, the whole call fails. The response from the GetOpenIdToken call also includes the identity ID. This is because the identity ID you pass in may not be the one that is returned.

#### **Linking Logins**

If you pass in a token for a login that is not already associated with any identity, the login is considered to be "linked" to the associated identity. You may only link one login per public provider. Attempts to link more than one login with a public provider will result in a ResourceConflictException. If a login is merely linked to an existing identity, the identity ID returned from GetOpenIdToken will be the same as what was passed in.

#### **Merging Identities**

If you pass in a token for a login that is not currently linked to the given identity, but is linked to another identity, the two identities are merged. Once merged, one identity becomes the parent/owner of all

associated logins and the other is disabled. In this case, the identity ID of the parent/owner is returned. You are expected to update your local cache if this value differs (this is handled for you if you are using the providers in the AWS Mobile SDKs or AWS SDK for JavaScript in the Browser).

#### GetOpenIdTokenForDeveloperIdentity

The GetOpenIdTokenForDeveloperIdentity API replaces the use of GetId and GetOpenIdToken from the device when using developer authenticated identities. Because this API call is signed by your AWS credentials, Amazon Cognito can trust that the user identifier supplied in the API call is valid. This replaces the token validation Amazon Cognito performs with external providers.

The payload for this API includes a logins map which must contain the key of your developer provider and a value as an identifier for the user in your system. If the user identifier isn't already linked to an existing identity, Amazon Cognito will create a new identity and return the new identity id and an OpenId Connect token for that identity. If the user identifier is already linked, Amazon Cognito will return the pre-existing identity id and an OpenId Connect token.

#### **Linking Logins**

As with external providers, supplying additional logins that are not already associated with an identity will implicitly link those logins to that identity. It is important to note that if you link an external provider login to an identity, the user can use the external provider authflow with that provider, but they cannot use your developer provider name in the logins map when calling GetId or GetOpenIdToken.

#### **Merging Identities**

With developer authenticated identities, Amazon Cognito supports both implicit merging as well as explicit merging via the MergeDeveloperIdentities API. This explicit merging allows you to mark two identities with user identifiers in your system as a single identity. You simply supply the source and destination user identifiers and Amazon Cognito will merge them. The next time you request an OpenId Connect token for either user identifier, the same identity id will be returned.

#### AssumeRoleWithWebIdentity

Once you have an OpenID Connect token, you can then trade this for temporary AWS credentials via the AssumeRoleWithWebIdentity API call in AWS Security Token Service (STS). This call is no different than if you were using Facebook, Google+, or Login with Amazon directly, except that you are passing an Amazon Cognito token instead of a token from one of the other public providers.

Because there's no restriction on the number of identities that can be created, it's important to understand the permissions that are being granted to your users. We recommend having two different roles for your application: one for unauthenticated users, and one for authenticated users. The Amazon Cognito console will create these for you by default when you first set up your identity pool. The access policy for these two roles will be exactly the same: it will grant users access to Amazon Cognito Sync as well as to submit events to Amazon Mobile Analytics. You are welcome and encouraged to modify these roles to meet your needs.

Learn more about Role Trust and Permissions (p. 244).

## **IAM Roles**

In the process of creating an identity pool, you'll be prompted to update the IAM roles that your users assume. IAM roles work like this: When a user logs in to your app, Amazon Cognito generates temporary AWS credentials for the user. These temporary credentials are associated with a specific IAM role. The IAM role lets you define a set of permissions to access your AWS resources.

You can specify default IAM roles for authenticated and unauthenticated users. In addition, you can define rules to choose the role for each user based on claims in the user's ID token. For more information, see Role-Based Access Control (p. 245).

By default, the Amazon Cognito Console creates IAM roles that provide access to Amazon Mobile Analytics and to Amazon Cognito Sync. Alternatively, you can choose to use existing IAM roles.

To modify IAM roles, thereby allowing or restricting access to other services, log in to the IAM Console. Then click Roles and select a role. The policies attached to the selected role are listed in the Permissions tab. You can customize an access policy by clicking the corresponding Manage Policy link. To learn more about using and defining policies, see Overview of IAM Policies.

#### Note

As a best practice, define policies that follow the principle of granting *least privilege*. In other words, the policies include only the permissions that users require to perform their tasks. For more information, see <u>Grant Least Privilege</u> in the *IAM User Guide*.

Remember that unauthenticated identities are assumed by users who do not log in to your app. Typically, the permissions that you assign for unauthenticated identities should be more restrictive than those for authenticated identities.

#### **Topics**

- Set Up a Trust Policy (p. 240)
- Access Policies (p. 241)

## Set Up a Trust Policy

Amazon Cognito leverages IAM roles to generate temporary credentials for your application's users. Access to permissions is controlled by a role's trust relationships. Learn more about Role Trust and Permissions (p. 244).

#### **Reuse Roles Across Identity Pools**

To reuse a role across multiple identity pools, because they share a common permission set, you can include multiple identity pools, like this:

```
"StringEquals": {
    "cognito-identity.amazonaws.com:aud": [
        "us-east-1:12345678-abcd-abcd-abcd-123456790ab",
        "us-east-1:98765432-dcba-dcba-dcba-123456790ab"
    ]
}
```

#### **Limit Access to Specific Identities**

To create a policy limited to a specific set of app users, check the value of cognito-identity.amazonaws.com:sub:

#### **Limit Access to Specific Providers**

To create a policy limited to users who have logged in with a specific provider (perhaps your own login provider), check the value of cognito-identity.amazonaws.com:amr:

```
"ForAnyValue:StringLike": {
```

```
"cognito-identity.amazonaws.com:amr": "login.myprovider.myapp"
}
```

For example, an app that trusts only Facebook would have the following amr clause:

```
"ForAnyValue:StringLike": {
    "cognito-identity.amazonaws.com:amr": "graph.facebook.com"
}
```

#### **Access Policies**

The permissions attached to a role are effective across all users that assume that role. If you want to partition your users' access, you can do so via policy variables. Be careful when including your users' identity IDs in your access policies, particularly for unauthenticated identities as these may change if the user chooses to login.

For additional security protection, Amazon Cognito applies a scope-down policy to credentials vended by GetCredentialForIdentity to prevent access to services other than the ones listed below for your unauthenticated users. In other words, this policy allows an identity using these credentials with access to only the following services:

AWS AppSync	Amazon Comprehend	GameLift	Amazon Lex	Amazon Polly	Amazon SimpleDB	Amazon Transcribe
CloudWatch	DynamoDB	AWS IoT	Amazon Machine Learning	Amazon Rekognition	Amazon SES	Amazon Translate
Amazon Cognito Identity	Amazon Kinesis Data Firehose	AWS KMS	Amazon Mobile Analytics	Amazon Sumerian	Amazon SNS	
Amazon Cognito Sync	Amazon Kinesis Data Streams	AWS Lambda	Amazon Pinpoint	Amazon S3	Amazon SQS	

If you need access to something other than these services for your unauthenticated users, you must use the basic authentication flow. If you are getting NotAuthorizedException and you have enabled access to the service in your unauthenticated role policy, this is likely the reason.

#### **Access Policy Examples**

In this section, you can find example Amazon Cognito access policies that grant only the permissions your identities need to complete a specific operation. You can further limit the permissions for a given identity ID by using policy variables where possible. For example, using \${cognito-identity.amazonaws.com:sub}. For more information, see Understanding Amazon Cognito Authentication Part 3: Roles and Policies on the AWS Mobile Blog.

#### Note

As a security best practice, policies should include only the permissions that users require to perform their tasks. This means that you should try to always scope access to an individual identity for objects whenever possible.

#### Example 1: Allow an Identity to Have Read Access to a Single Object in S3

The following access policy grants read permissions to an identity to retrieve a single object from a given S3 bucket.

#### Example 2: Allow an Identity to Have Both Read and Write Access to Identity Specific Paths in S3

The following access policy grants read and write permissions to access a specific prefix "folder" in an S3 bucket by mapping the prefix to the \${cognito-identity.amazonaws.com:sub} variable.

With this policy, an identity such as us-east-1:12345678-1234-1234-1234-123456790ab inserted via \${cognito-identity.amazonaws.com:sub} will be able to get, put and list objects into arn:aws:s3:::mybucket/us-east-1:12345678-1234-1234-1234-123456790ab. However, the identity would not be granted access to other objects in arn:aws:s3:::mybucket.

```
"Version": "2012-10-17",
  "Statement": [
   {
      "Action": ["s3:ListBucket"],
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Resource": ["arn:aws:s3:::mybucket"],
      "Condition": {"StringLike": {"s3:prefix": ["${cognito-identity.amazonaws.com:sub}/
*"]}}
   },
    {
      "Action": [
        "s3:GetObject",
        "s3:PutObject"
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Resource": ["arn:aws:s3:::mybucket/${cognito-identity.amazonaws.com:sub}/*"]
   }
  ]
}
```

#### Example 3: Assign Identities Fine-Grained Access to Amazon DynamoDB

The following access policy provides fine-grained access control to Amazon DynamoDB resources using Amazon Cognito variables that grant access to items in DynamoDB by identity ID. For more information, see Using IAM Policy Conditions for Fine-Grained Access Control in the Amazon DynamoDB Developer Guide.

```
"dynamodb:UpdateItem",
   "dynamodb:DeleteItem",
   "dynamodb:BatchWriteItem"
],
   "Resource": [
        "arn:aws:dynamodb:us-west-2:123456789012:table/MyTable"
],
   "Condition": {
        "ForAllValues:StringEquals": {
            "dynamodb:LeadingKeys": ["${cognito-identity.amazonaws.com:sub}"]
        }
   }
}
```

#### Example 4: Allow an Identity to Execute an AWS Lambda Function Invocation

The following access policy grants an identity permissions to execute an AWS Lambda function.

#### Example 5: Allow an Identity to Publish Records to an Amazon Kinesis Data Stream

The following access policy allows an identity to use the PutRecord operation with any of the Kinesis Data Streams. It can be applied to users that need to add data records to all streams in an account. For more information, see Controlling Access to Amazon Kinesis Data Streams Resources Using IAM in the Amazon Kinesis Data Streams Developer Guide.

#### Example 6: Allow an Identity Access to Their Data in the Amazon Cognito Sync store

The following access policy grants an identity permissions to only their data in the Amazon Cognito Sync store.

```
{
    "Version": "2012-10-17",
```

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```
"Statement":[{
    "Effect":"Allow",
    "Action":"cognito-sync:*",
    "Resource":["arn:aws:cognito-sync:us-east-1:123456789012:identitypool/${cognito-identity.amazonaws.com:aud}/identity/${cognito-identity.amazonaws.com:sub}/*"]
    }]
}
```

## **Role Trust and Permissions**

The way these roles differ is in their trust relationships. Let's take a look at an example trust policy for an unauthenticated role:

```
"Version": "2012-10-17",
  "Statement": [
      "Sid": "",
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Principal": {
        "Federated": "cognito-identity.amazonaws.com"
      "Action": "sts:AssumeRoleWithWebIdentity",
      "Condition": {
        "StringEquals": {
          "cognito-identity.amazonaws.com:aud": "us-east-1:12345678-dead-beef-
cafe-123456790ab"
        "ForAnyValue:StringLike": {
          "cognito-identity.amazonaws.com:amr": "unauthenticated"
     }
   }
 ]
}
```

This policy defines that we want to allow federated users from cognito-identity.amazonaws.com (the issuer of the OpenID Connect token) to assume this role. Additionally, we make the restriction that the aud of the token, in our case the identity pool ID, matches our identity pool. Finally, we specify that the amr of the token contains the value unauthenticated.

When Amazon Cognito creates a token, it will set the amr of the token to be either "unauthenticated" or "authenticated" and in the authenticated case will include any providers used during authentication. This means you can create a role that trusts only users that logged in via Facebook, simply by changing the amr clause to look like the following:

```
"ForAnyValue:StringLike": {
   "cognito-identity.amazonaws.com:amr": "graph.facebook.com"
}
```

Be careful when changing your trust relationships on your roles, or when trying to use roles across identity pools. If your role is not configured to correctly trust your identity pool, you will see an exception from STS like the following:

```
AccessDenied -- Not authorized to perform sts:AssumeRoleWithWebIdentity
```

If you see this, double check that you are using an appropriate role for your identity pool and authentication type.

## Role-Based Access Control

Amazon Cognito identity pools assign your authenticated users a set of temporary, limited privilege credentials to access your AWS resources. The permissions for each user are controlled through IAM roles that you create. You can define rules to choose the role for each user based on claims in the user's ID token. You can define a default role for authenticated users. You can also define a separate IAM role with limited permissions for guest users who are not authenticated.

## Creating Roles for Role Mapping

It is important to add the appropriate trust policy for each role so that it can only be assumed by Amazon Cognito for authenticated users in your identity pool. Here is an example of such a trust policy:

```
"Version": "2012-10-17",
  "Statement": [
   {
      "Sid": "",
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Principal": {
        "Federated": "cognito-identity.amazonaws.com"
      "Action": "sts:AssumeRoleWithWebIdentity",
      "Condition": {
        "StringEquals": {
          "cognito-identity.amazonaws.com:aud": "us-east-1:12345678-dead-beef-
cafe-123456790ab"
        },
        "ForAnyValue:StringLike": {
          "cognito-identity.amazonaws.com:amr": "authenticated"
    }
 ]
}
```

This policy allows federated users from cognito-identity.amazonaws.com (the issuer of the OpenID Connect token) to assume this role. Additionally, the policy restricts the aud of the token, in this case the identity pool ID, to match the identity pool. Finally, the policy specifies that the amr of the token contains the value authenticated.

## **Granting Pass Role Permission**

To allow an IAM user to set roles with permissions in excess of the user's existing permissions on an identity pool, you grant that user iam:PassRole permission to pass the role to the set-identity-pool-roles API. For example, if the user cannot write to Amazon S3, but the IAM role that the user sets on the identity pool grants write permission to Amazon S3, the user can only set this role if iam:PassRole permission is granted for the role. The following example policy shows how to allow iam:PassRole permission.

In this policy example, the iam: PassRole permission is granted for the myS3WriteAccessRole role. The role is specified using the role's ARN. You must also attach this policy to your IAM user or role to which your user belongs. For more information, see Working with Managed Policies.

#### Note

Lambda functions use resource-based policy, where the policy is attached directly to the Lambda function itself. When creating a rule that invokes a Lambda function, you do not pass a role, so the user creating the rule does not need the <code>iam:PassRole</code> permission. For more information about Lambda function authorization, see Manage Permissions: Using a Lambda Function Policy.

# Using Tokens to Assign Roles to Users

For users who log in via Amazon Cognito Your User Pools, roles can be passed in the ID token that was assigned by the user pool. The roles appear in the following claims in the ID token:

- The cognito:preferred\_role claim is the role ARN.
- The cognito:roles claim is a comma-separated string containing a set of allowed role ARNs.

The claims are set as follows:

- The cognito:preferred\_role claim is set to the role from the group with the best (lowest)
  Precedence value. If there is only one allowed role, cognito:preferred\_role is set to that role. If
  there are multiple roles and no single role has the best precedence, this claim is not set.
- The cognito:roles claim is set if there is at least one role.

When using tokens to assign roles, if there are multiple roles that can be assigned to the user, Amazon Cognito identity pools (federated identities) chooses the role as follows:

- Use the GetCredentialsForIdentity CustomRoleArn parameter if it is set and it matches a role in the cognito:roles claim. If this parameter doesn't match a role in cognito:roles, deny access.
- If the cognito:preferred\_role claim is set, use it.
- If the cognito:preferred\_role claim is not set, the cognito:roles claim is set, and CustomRoleArn is not specified in the call to GetCredentialsForIdentity, then the Role resolution setting in the console or the AmbiguousRoleResolution field (in the RoleMappings parameter of the SetIdentityPoolRoles API) is used to determine the role to be assigned.

# Using Rule-Based Mapping to Assign Roles to Users

Rules allow you to map claims from an identity provider token to IAM roles.

Each rule specifies a token claim (such as a user attribute in the ID token from an Amazon Cognito user pool), match type, a value, and an IAM role. The match type can be Equals, NotEqual, StartsWith, or Contains. If a user has a matching value for the claim, the user can assume that role when the user gets credentials. For example, you can create a rule that assigns a specific IAM role for users with a custom:dept custom attribute value of Sales.

#### Note

In the rule settings, custom attributes require the custom: prefix to distinguish them from standard attributes.

Rules are evaluated in order, and the IAM role for the first matching rule is used, unless CustomRoleArn is specified to override the order. For more information about user attributes in Amazon Cognito user pools, see Configuring User Pool Attributes (p. 207).

You can set multiple rules for an authentication provider in the identity pool (federated identities) console. Rules are applied in order. You can drag the rules to change their order. The first matching rule takes precedence. If the match type is NotEqual and the claim doesn't exist, the rule is not evaluated. If no rules match, the Role resolution setting is applied to either Use default Authenticated role or DENY.

In the API and CLI, you can specify the role to be assigned when no rules match in the AmbiguousRoleResolution field of the RoleMapping type, which is specified in the RoleMappings parameter of the SetIdentityPoolRoles API.

For each user pool or other authentication provider configured for an identity pool, you can create up to 25 rules. If you need more than 25 rules for a provider, please open a Service Limit Increase support case.

# Token Claims to Use in Rule-Based Mapping

### **Amazon Cognito**

An Amazon Cognito ID token is represented as a JSON Web Token (JWT). The token contains claims about the identity of the authenticated user, such as name, family\_name, and phone\_number. For more information about standard claims, see the OpenID Connect specification. Apart from standard claims, the following are the additional claims specific to Amazon Cognito:

- · cognito:groups
- cognito:roles
- cognito:preferred\_role

#### **Amazon**

The following claims, along with possible values for those claims, can be used with Login with Amazon:

- iss: www.amazon.com
- · aud: App Id
- sub: sub from the Login with Amazon token

#### **Facebook**

The following claims, along with possible values for those claims, can be used with Facebook:

- iss: graph.facebook.com
- aud: App Id
- · sub: sub from the Facebook token

### Google

A Google token contains standard claims from the OpenID Connect specification. All of the claims in the OpenID token are available for rule-based mapping. See Google's OpenID Connect site to learn about the claims available from the Google token.

#### OpenID

All of the claims in the Open Id Token are available for rule-based mapping. For more information about standard claims, see the OpenID Connect specification. Refer to your OpenID provider documentation to learn about any additional claims that are available.

#### SAML

Claims are parsed from the received SAML assertion. All the claims that are available in the SAML assertion can be used in rule-based mapping.

### Best Practices for Role-Based Access Control

### **Important**

If the claim that you are mapping to a role can be modified by the end user, any end user can assume your role and set the policy accordingly. Only map claims that cannot be directly set by the end user to roles with elevated permissions. In an Amazon Cognito user pool, you can set per-app read and write permissions for each user attribute.

#### **Important**

If you set roles for groups in an Amazon Cognito user pool, those roles are passed through the user's ID token. To use these roles, you must also set **Choose role from token** for the authenticated role selection for the identity pool.

You can use the **Role resolution** setting in the console and the RoleMappings parameter of the SetIdentityPoolRoles API to specify what the default behavior is when the correct role cannot be determined from the token.

# **Getting Credentials**

You can use Amazon Cognito to deliver temporary, limited-privilege credentials to your application, so that your users can access AWS resources. This section describes how to get credentials and how to retrieve an Amazon Cognito identity from an identity pool.

Amazon Cognito supports both authenticated and unauthenticated identities. Unauthenticated users do not have their identity verified, making this role appropriate for guest users of your app or in cases when it doesn't matter if users have their identities verified. Authenticated users log in to your application through a third-party identity provider, or a user pool, that verifies their identities. Make sure you scope the permissions of resources appropriately so you don't grant access to them from unauthenticated users.

Amazon Cognito identities are not credentials. They are exchanged for credentials using web identity federation support in the AWS Security Token Service (AWS STS). The recommended way to obtain AWS credentials for your app users is to use AWS.CognitoIdentityCredentials. The identity in the credentials object is then exchanged for credentials using AWS STS.

#### Note

If you created your identity pool before February 2015, you will need to reassociate your roles with your identity pool in order to use the AWS.CognitoIdentityCredentials constructor without the roles as parameters. To do so, open the Amazon Cognito console, choose Manage Identity Pools, select your identity pool, choose Edit Identity Pool, specify your authenticated and unauthenticated roles, and save the changes.

# **Android**

You can use Amazon Cognito to deliver temporary, limited-privilege credentials to your application, so that your users can access AWS resources. Amazon Cognito supports both authenticated and unauthenticated identities. To provide AWS credentials to your app, follow the steps below.

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- 1. Choose **Manage Identity Pools** from the Amazon Cognito console, create an identity pool, and copy the starter code snippets.
- 2. If you haven't already done so, add the AWS Mobile SDK for Android to your project. For instructions, see Set Up the Mobile SDK for Android.
- 3. Include the following import statements:

```
import com.amazonaws.auth.CognitoCachingCredentialsProvider;
import com.amazonaws.regions.Regions;
```

4. Initialize the Amazon Cognito credentials provider using the code snippet generated by the Amazon Cognito console. The value for IDENTITY\_POOL\_ID will be specific to your account:

```
CognitoCachingCredentialsProvider credentialsProvider = new
CognitoCachingCredentialsProvider(
  getApplicationContext(), // Context
  "IDENTITY_POOL_ID", // Identity Pool ID
  Regions.US_EAST_1 // Region
);
```

5. Pass the initialized Amazon Cognito credentials provider to the constructor of the AWS client to be used. The code required depends on the service to be initialized. The client will use this provider to get credentials with which it will access AWS resources.

#### Note

If you created your identity pool before February 2015, you will need to reassociate your roles with your identity pool in order to use this constructor without the roles as parameters. To do so, open the Amazon Cognito console, choose Manage Federated Identies, select your identity pool, and choose Edit Identity Pool, specify your authenticated and unauthenticated roles, and save the changes.

#### **Retrieving an Amazon Cognito Identity**

If you're allowing unauthenticated users, you can retrieve a unique Amazon Cognito identifier (identity ID) for your end user immediately. If you're authenticating users, you can retrieve the identity ID after you've set the login tokens in the credentials provider:

```
String identityId = credentialsProvider.getIdentityId();
Log.d("LogTag", "my ID is " + identityId);
```

#### Note

Do not call <code>getIdentityId()</code>, <code>refresh()</code>, or <code>getCredentials()</code> in the main thread of your application. As of Android 3.0 (API Level 11), your app will automatically fail and throw a <code>NetworkOnMainThreadException</code> if you perform network I/O on the main application thread. You will need to move your code to a background thread using <code>AsyncTask</code>. For more information, consult the <code>Android documentation</code>. You can also call <code>getCachedIdentityId()</code> to retrieve an ID, but only if one is already cached locally. Otherwise, the method will return null.

# iOS - Objective-C

You can use Amazon Cognito to deliver temporary, limited-privilege credentials to your application, so that your users can access AWS resources. Amazon Cognito identity pools support both authenticated and unauthenticated identities. To provide AWS credentials to your app, follow the steps below.

- 1. Choose Manage Identity Pools from the Amazon Cognito console, create an identity pool, and copy the starter code snippets.
- 2. If you haven't already done so, add the AWS Mobile SDK for iOS to your project. For instructions, see Set Up the Mobile SDK for iOS.

3. In your source code, include the AWSCore header:

```
#import <AWSCore/AWSCore.h>
```

4. Initialize the Amazon Cognito credentials provider using the code snippet generated by the Amazon Cognito console. The value for IDENTITY\_POOL\_ID will be specific to your account:

```
AWSCognitoCredentialsProvider *credentialsProvider = [[AWSCognitoCredentialsProvider alloc] initWithRegionType:AWSRegionUSEast1 identityPoolId:@"IDENTITY_POOL_ID"];
AWSServiceConfiguration *configuration = [[AWSServiceConfiguration alloc] initWithRegion:AWSRegionUSEast1 credentialsProvider:credentialsProvider];
AWSServiceManager.defaultServiceManager.defaultServiceConfiguration = configuration;
```

#### Note

If you created your identity pool before February 2015, you will need to reassociate your roles with your identity pool in order to use this constructor without the roles as parameters. To do so, open the Amazon Cognito console, choose Manage Identity Pools, select your identity pool, choose Edit Identity Pool, specify your authenticated and unauthenticated roles, and save the changes.

### **Retrieving an Amazon Cognito Identity**

You can retrieve a unique Amazon Cognito identifier (identity ID) for your end user immediately if you're allowing unauthenticated users or after you've set the login tokens in the credentials provider if you're authenticating users:

```
// Retrieve your Amazon Cognito ID
[[credentialsProvider getIdentityId] continueWithBlock:^id(AWSTask *task) {
   if (task.error) {
      NSLog(@"Error: %@", task.error);
   }
   else {
      // the task result will contain the identity id
      NSString *cognitoId = task.result;
   }
   return nil;
};
```

#### Note

getIdentityId is an asynchronous call. If an identity ID is already set on your provider, you can call credentialsProvider.identityId to retrieve that identity, which is cached locally. However, if an identity ID is not set on your provider, calling credentialsProvider.identityId will return nil. For more information, consult the Mobile SDK for iOS API Reference.

# iOS - Swift

You can use Amazon Cognito to deliver temporary, limited-privilege credentials to your application, so that your users can access AWS resources. Amazon Cognito supports both authenticated and unauthenticated identities. To provide AWS credentials to your app, follow the steps below.

- 1. Choose **Manage Identity Pools** from the Amazon Cognito console, create an identity pool, and copy the starter code snippets.
- 2. If you haven't already done so, add the Mobile SDK for iOS to your project. For instructions, see Set Up the SDK for iOS.
- 3. In your source code, include the AWSCore header:

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```
import AWSCore
```

4. Initialize the Amazon Cognito credentials provider using the code snippet generated by the Amazon Cognito console. The value for IDENTITY\_POOL\_ID will be specific to your account:

```
let credentialsProvider = AWSCognitoCredentialsProvider(regionType: .USEast1,
  identityPoolId: "IDENTITY_POOL_ID")
let configuration = AWSServiceConfiguration(region: .USEast1, credentialsProvider:
    credentialsProvider)
AWSServiceManager.default().defaultServiceConfiguration = configuration
```

#### Note

If you created your identity pool before February 2015, you will need to reassociate your roles with your identity pool in order to use this constructor without the roles as parameters. To do so, open the Amazon Cognito console, choose Manage Identity Pools, select your identity pool, choose Edit Identity Pool, specify your authenticated and unauthenticated roles, and save the changes.

#### **Retrieving an Amazon Cognito Identity**

You can retrieve a unique Amazon Cognito identifier (identity ID) for your end user immediately if you're allowing unauthenticated users or after you've set the login tokens in the credentials provider if you're authenticating users:

```
// Retrieve your Amazon Cognito ID
credentialsProvider.getIdentityId().continueWith(block: { (task) -> AnyObject? in
    if (task.error != nil) {
        print("Error: " + task.error!.localizedDescription)
    }
    else {
        // the task result will contain the identity id
        let cognitoId = task.result!
        print("Cognito id: \((cognitoId)"))
     }
    return task;
})
```

#### Note

getIdentityId is an asynchronous call. If an identity ID is already set on your provider, you can call credentialsProvider.identityId to retrieve that identity, which is cached locally. However, if an identity ID is not set on your provider, calling credentialsProvider.identityId will return nil. For more information, consult the Mobile SDK for iOS API Reference.

# **JavaScript**

If you have not yet created one, create an identity pool in the Amazon Cognito console before using AWS.CognitoIdentityCredentials.

After you configure an identity pool with your identity providers, you can use AWS.CognitoIdentityCredentials to authenticate users. To configure your application credentials to use AWS.CognitoIdentityCredentials, set the credentials property of either AWS.Config or a per-service configuration. The following example uses AWS.Config:

```
// Set the region where your identity pool exists (us-east-1, eu-west-1)
AWS.config.region = 'us-east-1';
```

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The optional Logins property is a map of identity provider names to the identity tokens for those providers. How you get the token from your identity provider depends on the provider you use. For example, if Facebook is one of your identity providers, you might use the FB.login function from the Facebook SDK to get an identity provider token:

#### Retrieving an Amazon Cognito Identity

You can retrieve a unique Amazon Cognito identifier (identity ID) for your end user immediately if you're allowing unauthenticated users or after you've set the login tokens in the credentials provider if you're authenticating users:

```
var identityId = AWS.config.credentials.identityId;
```

# Unity

You can use Amazon Cognito to deliver temporary, limited-privilege credentials to your application, so that your users can access AWS resources. Amazon Cognito supports both authenticated and unauthenticated identities. To provide AWS credentials to your app, follow the steps below.

- 1. Choose **Manage Identity Pools**, from the Amazon Cognito console, create an identity pool, and copy the starter code snippets.
- 2. If you haven't already done so, download and import the AWS Mobile SDK for Unity package into your project. You can do so from the menu Assets > Import Package > Custom Package.

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3. Paste the starter code snippet from the Console into the script you want to call Amazon Cognito from. The value for IDENTITY POOL ID will be specific to your account:

```
CognitoAWSCredentials credentials = new CognitoAWSCredentials (
    "IDENTITY_POOL_ID", // Cognito Identity Pool ID
    RegionEndpoint.USEast1 // Region
);
```

4. Pass the initialized Amazon Cognito credentials to the constructor of the AWS client to be used. The code required depends on the service to be initialized. The client will use this provider to get credentials with which it will access AWS resources.

#### Note

If you created your identity pool before February 2015, you will need to reassociate your roles with your identity pool in order to use this constructor without the roles as parameters. To do so, open the Amazon Cognito console, choose Manage Identity Pools, select your identity pool, choose Edit Identity Pool, specify your authenticated and unauthenticated roles, and save the changes.

### **Retrieving an Amazon Cognito Identity**

You can retrieve a unique Amazon Cognito identifier (identity ID) for your end user immediately if you're allowing unauthenticated users or after you've set the login tokens in the credentials provider if you're authenticating users:

```
credentials.GetIdentityIdAsync(delegate(AmazonCognitoIdentityResult<string> result) {
   if (result.Exception != null) {
        //Exception!
   }
   string identityId = result.Response;
});
```

# **Xamarin**

You can use Amazon Cognito to deliver temporary, limited-privilege credentials to your application, so that your users can access AWS resources. Amazon Cognito supports both authenticated and unauthenticated identities. To provide AWS credentials to your app. follow the steps below.

- 1. Choose **Manage Identity Pools**, from the Amazon Cognito console, create an identity pool, and copy the starter code snippets.
- 2. If you haven't already done so, add the AWS Mobile SDK for Xamarin to your project. For instructions, see Set Up the SDK for Xamarin.
- 3. Include the following using statements:

```
using Amazon.CognitoIdentity;
```

4. Paste the starter code snippet from the Console into the script you want to call Amazon Cognito from. The value for IDENTITY\_POOL\_ID will be specific to your account:

5. Pass the initialized Amazon Cognito credentials to the constructor of the AWS client to be used. The code required depends on the service to be initialized. The client will use this provider to get credentials with which it will access AWS resources.

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#### Note

**Note:** If you created your identity pool before February 2015, you will need to reassociate your roles with your identity pool in order to use this constructor without the roles as parameters. To do so, open the Amazon Cognito console, choose **Manage Identity Pools**, select your identity pool, choose **Edit Identity Pool**, specify your authenticated and unauthenticated roles, and save the changes.

### **Retrieving an Amazon Cognito Identity**

You can retrieve a unique Amazon Cognito identifier (identity ID) for your end user immediately if you're allowing unauthenticated users or after you've set the login tokens in the credentials provider if you're authenticating users:

```
var identityId = await credentials.GetIdentityIdAsync();
```

# **Accessing AWS Services**

Once the Amazon Cognito credentials provider is initialized and refreshed, you can pass it directly to the initializer for an AWS client. For example, the following snippet initializes an Amazon DynamoDB client:

### **Android**

```
// Create a service client with the provider
AmazonDynamoDB client = new AmazonDynamoDBClient(credentialsProvider);
```

The credentials provider communicates with Amazon Cognito, retrieving both the unique identifier for authenticated and unauthenticated users as well as temporary, limited privilege AWS credentials for the AWS Mobile SDK. The retrieved credentials are valid for one hour, and the provider refreshes them when they expire.

# iOS - Objective-C

The credentials provider communicates with Amazon Cognito, retrieving both the unique identifier for authenticated and unauthenticated users as well as temporary, limited privilege AWS credentials for the AWS Mobile SDK. The retrieved credentials are valid for one hour, and the provider refreshes them when they expire.

# iOS - Swift

```
// get a client with the default service configuration
let dynamoDB = AWSDynamoDB.default()

// get a client with a custom configuration
AWSDynamoDB.register(with: configuration!, forKey: "USWest2DynamoDB");
let dynamoDBCustom = AWSDynamoDB(forKey: "USWest2DynamoDB")
```

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The credentials provider communicates with Amazon Cognito, retrieving both the unique identifier for authenticated and unauthenticated users as well as temporary, limited privilege AWS credentials for the AWS Mobile SDK. The retrieved credentials are valid for one hour, and the provider refreshes them when they expire.

# **JavaScript**

```
// Create a service client with the provider
var dynamodb = new AWS.DynamoDB({region: 'us-west-2'});
```

The credentials provider communicates with Amazon Cognito, retrieving both the unique identifier for authenticated and unauthenticated users as well as temporary, limited privilege AWS credentials for the AWS Mobile SDK. The retrieved credentials are valid for one hour, and the provider refreshes them when they expire.

# Unity

```
// create a service client that uses credentials provided by Cognito
AmazonDynamoDBClient client = new AmazonDynamoDBClient(credentials, REGION);
```

The credentials provider communicates with Amazon Cognito, retrieving both the unique identifier for authenticated and unauthenticated users as well as temporary, limited privilege AWS credentials for the AWS Mobile SDK. The retrieved credentials are valid for one hour, and the provider refreshes them when they expire.

### **Xamarin**

```
// create a service client that uses credentials provided by Cognito
var client = new AmazonDynamoDBClient(credentials, REGION)
```

The credentials provider communicates with Amazon Cognito, retrieving both the unique identifier for authenticated and unauthenticated users as well as temporary, limited privilege AWS credentials for the AWS Mobile SDK. The retrieved credentials are valid for one hour, and the provider refreshes them when they expire.

# Identity Pools (Federated Identities) External Identity Providers

Using the logins property, you can set credentials received from an identity provider. Moreover, you can associate an identity pool with multiple identity providers. For example, you could set both the Facebook and Google tokens in the logins property, so that the unique Amazon Cognito identity would be associated with both identity provider logins. No matter which account the end user uses for authentication, Amazon Cognito returns the same user identifier.

The instructions below guide you through authentication with the identity providers supported by Amazon Cognito identity pools.

### **Topics**

- Facebook (Identity Pools) (p. 256)
- Login with Amazon (Identity Pools) (p. 261)

- Google (Identity Pools) (p. 264)
- Open ID Connect Providers (Identity Pools) (p. 270)
- SAML Identity Providers (Identity Pools) (p. 272)

# Facebook (Identity Pools)

Amazon Cognito identity pools integrate with Facebook to provide federated authentication for your mobile application users. This section explains how to register and set up your application with Facebook as an identity provider.

### Set Up Facebook

You need to register your application with Facebook before you can start authenticating Facebook users and interacting with Facebook APIs.

The Facebook Developers portal takes you through the process of setting up your application. If you haven't gone through that process yet, you'll need to do so before you can integrate Facebook in your Amazon Cognito identity pool:

#### To set up Facebook

- 1. At the Facebook Developers portal, log in with your Facebook credentials.
- 2. From the Apps menu, select Add a New App.
- 3. Select a platform and complete the quick start process.

#### Android

The Facebook Getting Started Guide provides additional information on integrating with Facebook Login.

### iOS - Objective-C

The Facebook Getting Started Guide provides additional information about integrating with Facebook Login.

### iOS - Swift

The Facebook Getting Started Guide provides additional information about integrating with Facebook Login.

### **JavaScript**

The Facebook Getting Started Guide provides additional information about integrating with Facebook Login.

### Unity

The Facebook Getting Started Guide provides additional information about integrating with Facebook Login.

#### **Xamarin**

To provide Facebook authentication, first follow the appropriate flow below to include and set up the Facebook SDK in your application. Amazon Cognito identity pools use the Facebook access token to generate a unique user identifier that is associated to a Cognito Identity.

- · Facebook iOS SDK by Xamarin
- · Facebook Android SDK by Xamarin

# Configure the External Provider in the Amazon Cognito Federated Identities Console

Use the following procedure to configure your external provider.

- 1. Choose Manage Identity Pools from the Amazon Cognito console home page.
- 2. Choose the name of the identity pool for which you want to enable Facebook as an external provider. The **Dashboard** page for your identity pool appears.
- In the top-right corner of the Dashboard page, choose Edit identity pool. The Edit identity pool
  page appears.
- 4. Scroll down and choose Authentication providers to expand it.
- 5. Choose the Facebook tab.
- Choose Unlock.
- 7. Enter the Facebook App ID you obtained from Facebook, and then choose Save Changes.

### **Using Facebook**

#### **Android**

To provide Facebook authentication, first follow the Facebook guide to include their SDK in your application. Then add a "Login with Facebook" button to your Android user interface. The Facebook SDK uses a session object to track its state. Amazon Cognito uses the access token from this session object to authenticate the user, generate the unique identifier, and, if needed, grant the user access to other AWS resources.

Once you have authenticated your user with the Facebook SDK, add the session token to the Amazon Cognito credentials provider.

Facebook SDK 4.0 or later:

```
Map<String, String> logins = new HashMap<String, String>();
logins.put("graph.facebook.com", AccessToken.getCurrentAccessToken().getToken());
credentialsProvider.setLogins(logins);
```

#### Facebook SDK before 4.0:

```
Map<String, String> logins = new HashMap<String, String>();
logins.put("graph.facebook.com", Session.getActiveSession().getAccessToken());
credentialsProvider.setLogins(logins);
```

The Facebook login process initializes a singleton session in its SDK. The Facebook session object contains an OAuth token that Amazon Cognito uses to generate AWS credentials for your authenticated end user. Amazon Cognito also uses the token to check against your user database for the existence of a user matching this particular Facebook identity. If the user already exists, the API returns the existing identifier. Otherwise a new identifier is returned. Identifiers are automatically cached by the client SDK on the local device.

#### Note

After setting the logins map, you'll need to make a call to refresh or get to actually get the AWS credentials.

### iOS - Objective-C

To add Facebook authentication, first follow the Facebook guide to integrate the Facebook SDK into your application. Then add a Login with Facebook button to your user interface. The Facebook SDK uses a session object to track its state. Amazon Cognito uses the access token from this session object to authenticate the user and bind them to a unique Amazon Cognito identity pools (federated identities).

To provide the Facebook access token to Amazon Cognito, implement the AWSIdentityProviderManager protocol.

In the implementation of the logins method, return a dictionary containing AWSIdentityProviderFacebook as the key and the current access token from the authenticated Facebook user as the value, as shown in the following code example.

When you instantiate the AWSCognitoCredentialsProvider, pass the class that implements AWSIdentityProviderManager as the value of identityProviderManager in the constructor. For more information, go to the AWSCognitoCredentialsProvider reference page and choose initWithRegionType:identityPoolId:identityProviderManager.

### iOS - Swift

To add Facebook authentication, first follow the Facebook guide to integrate the Facebook SDK into your application. Then add a Login with Facebook button to your user interface. The Facebook SDK uses a session object to track its state. Amazon Cognito uses the access token from this session object to authenticate the user and bind them to a unique Amazon Cognito identity pools (federated identities).

To provide the Facebook access token to Amazon Cognito, implement the AWSIdentityProviderManager protocol.

In the implementation of the logins method, return a dictionary containing AWSIdentityProviderFacebook as the key and the current access token from the authenticated Facebook user as the value, as shown in the following code example.

```
class FacebookProvider: NSObject, AWSIdentityProviderManager {
    func logins() -> AWSTask<NSDictionary> {
        if let token = AccessToken.current?.authenticationToken {
            return AWSTask(result: [AWSIdentityProviderFacebook:token])
        }
        return AWSTask(error:NSError(domain: "Facebook Login", code: -1 , userInfo:
        ["Facebook" : "No current Facebook access token"]))
    }
}
```

When you instantiate the AWSCognitoCredentialsProvider, pass the class that implements AWSIdentityProviderManager as the value of identityProviderManager in the constructor. For more information, go to the AWSCognitoCredentialsProvider reference page and choose initWithRegionType:identityPoolId:identityProviderManager.

### **JavaScript**

To provide Facebook authentication, follow the Facebook Login for the Web to add the "Login with Facebook" button on your website. The Facebook SDK uses a session object to track its state. Amazon Cognito uses the access token from this session object to authenticate the user, generate the unique identifier, and, if needed, grant the user access to other AWS resources.

Once you have authenticated your user with the Facebook SDK, add the session token to the Amazon Cognito credentials provider.

```
FB.login(function (response) {
  // Check if the user logged in successfully.
 if (response.authResponse) {
    console.log('You are now logged in.');
    // Add the Facebook access token to the Cognito credentials login map.
    AWS.config.credentials = new AWS.CognitoIdentityCredentials({
      IdentityPoolId: 'IDENTITY_POOL_ID',
     Logins: {
        'graph.facebook.com': response.authResponse.accessToken
      }
    });
    // Obtain AWS credentials
    AWS.config.credentials.get(function(){
        // Access AWS resources here.
  } else {
    console.log('There was a problem logging you in.');
});
```

The Facebook SDK obtains an OAuth token that Amazon Cognito uses to generate AWS credentials for your authenticated end user. Amazon Cognito also uses the token to check against your user database for the existence of a user matching this particular Facebook identity. If the user already exists, the API returns the existing identifier. Otherwise a new identifier is returned. Identifiers are automatically cached by the client SDK on the local device.

#### Note

After setting the logins map, you need to make a call to refresh or get to get the AWS credentials. For a code example, see "Use Case 17, Integrating User Pools with Cognito Identity," in the JavaScript README file.

### Unity

To provide Facebook authentication, first follow the Facebook guide to include and set up their SDK in your application. Amazon Cognito uses the Facebook access token from the 'FB' object to generate a unique user identifier that is associated to a Cognito Identity.

Once you have authenticated your user with the Facebook SDK, add the session token to the Amazon Cognito credentials provider:

```
void Start()
{
   FB.Init(delegate() {
      if (FB.IsLoggedIn) { //User already logged in from a previous session
         AddFacebookTokenToCognito();
    } else {
```

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```
FB.Login ("email", FacebookLoginCallback);
        }
    });
}
void FacebookLoginCallback(FBResult result)
    if (FB.IsLoggedIn)
    {
        AddFacebookTokenToCognito();
    }
    else
    {
        Debug.Log("FB Login error");
    }
}
void AddFacebookTokenToCognito()
    credentials.AddLogin ("graph.facebook.com",
AccessToken.CurrentAccessToken.TokenString);
```

You should make sure to call FB.Login() and that FB.IsLoggedIn is true before using FB.AccessToken.

### **Xamarin**

#### **Xamarin for Android:**

```
public void InitializeFacebook() {
   FacebookSdk.SdkInitialize(this.ApplicationContext);
   callbackManager = CallbackManagerFactory.Create();
   LoginManager.Instance.RegisterCallback(callbackManager, new FacebookCallback <
LoginResult > () {
     HandleSuccess = loginResult = > {
       var accessToken = loginResult.AccessToken;
       credentials.AddLogin("graph.facebook.com", accessToken.Token);
       //open new activity
     },
     HandleCancel = () = > {
       //throw error message
     HandleError = loginError = > {
       //throw error message
   });
   LoginManager.Instance.LogInWithReadPermissions(this, new List < string &gt; {
     "public_profile"
   });
```

#### Xamarin for iOS:

```
public void InitializeFacebook() {
  LoginManager login = new LoginManager();
  login.LogInWithReadPermissions(readPermissions.ToArray(),
  delegate(LoginManagerLoginResult result, NSError error) {
    if (error != null) {
        //throw error message
    } else if (result.IsCancelled) {
        //throw error message
    } else {
```

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```
var accessToken = loginResult.AccessToken;
    credentials.AddLogin("graph.facebook.com", accessToken.Token);
    //open new view controller
}
});
});
```

# Login with Amazon (Identity Pools)

Amazon Cognito integrates with Login with Amazon to provide federated authentication for your mobile application and web application users. This section explains how to register and set up your application using Login with Amazon as an identity provider.

There are two ways to set up Login with Amazon to work with Amazon Cognito. If you're not sure which one to use, or if you need to use both, see "Setting Up Login with Amazon" in the Login with Amazon FAQ.

- Through the Amazon Developer Portal. Use this method if you want to let your end users authenticate with Login with Amazon, but you don't have a Seller Central account.
- Through Seller Central using <a href="http://login.amazon.com/">http://login.amazon.com/</a>. Use this method if you are a retail merchant that uses Seller Central.

#### Note

For Xamarin, follow the Xamarin Getting Started Guide to integrate Login with Amazon into your Xamarin application.

#### Note

Login with Amazon integration is not natively supported on the Unity platform. Integration currently requires the use of a web view to go through the browser sign in flow.

# Setting Up Login with Amazon

To implement Login with Amazon, do one of the following:

- Create a Security Profile ID for your application through the Amazon Developer Portal. Use this
  method if you want to let your end users authenticate with Amazon, but you don't have a Seller
  Central account. The Developer Portal Login with Amazon documentation takes you through the
  process of setting up Login with Amazon in your application, downloading the client SDK, and
  declaring your application on the Amazon developer platform. Make a note of the Security Profile ID,
  as you'll need to enter it as the Amazon App ID when you create an Amazon Cognito identity pool, as
  described in Getting Credentials.
- Create an Application ID for your application through Seller Central using http://login.amazon.com/.
  Use this method if you are a retail merchant that uses Seller Central. The Seller Central Login with
  Amazon documentation takes you through the process of setting up Login with Amazon in your
  application, downloading the client SDK, and declaring your application on the Amazon developer
  platform. Make a note of the Application ID, as you'll need to enter it as the Amazon App ID when you
  create an Amazon Cognito identity pool, as described in Getting Credentials.

# Configure the External Provider in the Amazon Cognito Console

Choose Manage Identity Pools from the Amazon Cognito console home page:

- 1. Choose the name of the identity pool for which you want to enable Login with Amazon as an external provider. The **Dashboard** page for your identity pool appears.
- 2. In the top-right corner of the **Dashboard** page, choose **Edit identity pool**. The Edit identity pool page appears.

- 3. Scroll down and choose Authentication providers to expand it.
- 4. Choose the Amazon tab.
- Choose Unlock.
- Enter the Amazon App ID you obtained from Amazon, and then choose Save Changes.

### Use Login with Amazon: Android

Once you've implemented Amazon login, you can pass the token to the Amazon Cognito credentials provider in the onSuccess method of the TokenListener interface. The code looks like this:

```
@Override
public void onSuccess(Bundle response) {
    String token = response.getString(AuthzConstants.BUNDLE_KEY.TOKEN.val);
    Map<String, String> logins = new HashMap<String, String>();
    logins.put("www.amazon.com", token);
    credentialsProvider.setLogins(logins);
}
```

# Use Login with Amazon: iOS - Objective-C

Once you've implemented Amazon login, you can pass the token to the Amazon Cognito credentials provider in the requestDidSucceed method of the AMZNAccessTokenDelegate:

```
- (void)requestDidSucceed:(APIResult \*)apiResult {
    if (apiResult.api == kAPIAuthorizeUser) {
        [AIMobileLib getAccessTokenForScopes:[NSArray arrayWithObject:@"profile"]
    withOverrideParams:nil delegate:self];
    }
    else if (apiResult.api == kAPIGetAccessToken) {
        credentialsProvider.logins = @{ @(AWSCognitoLoginProviderKeyLoginWithAmazon):
    apiResult.result };
    }
}
```

# Use Login with Amazon: iOS - Swift

Once you've implemented Amazon login, you can pass the token to the Amazon Cognito credentials provider in the requestDidSucceed method of the AMZNAccessTokenDelegate:

```
func requestDidSucceed(apiResult: APIResult!) {
    if apiResult.api == API.AuthorizeUser {
        AIMobileLib.getAccessTokenForScopes(["profile"], withOverrideParams: nil, delegate:
    self)
    } else if apiResult.api == API.GetAccessToken {
        credentialsProvider.logins = [AWSCognitoLoginProviderKey.LoginWithAmazon.rawValue:
    apiResult.result]
    }
}
```

# Use Login with Amazon: JavaScript

After the user authenticates with Login with Amazon and is redirected back to your website, the Login with Amazon access\_token is provided in the query string. Pass that token into the credentials login map.

```
AWS.config.credentials = new AWS.CognitoIdentityCredentials({
    IdentityPoolId: 'IDENTITY_POOL_ID',
```

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```
Logins: {
    'www.amazon.com': 'Amazon Access Token'
}
});
```

# Use Login with Amazon: Xamarin

#### **Xamarin for Android**

```
AmazonAuthorizationManager manager = new AmazonAuthorizationManager(this, Bundle.Empty);

var tokenListener = new APIListener {
    Success = response => {
        // Get the auth token
        var token = response.GetString(AuthzConstants.BUNDLE_KEY.Token.Val);
        credentials.AddLogin("www.amazon.com", token);
    }
};

// Try and get existing login
manager.GetToken(new[] {
    "profile"
}, tokenListener);
```

#### Xamarin for iOS

In AppDelegate.cs, insert the following:

```
public override bool OpenUrl (UIApplication application, NSUrl url, string
    sourceApplication, NSObject annotation)
{
      // Pass on the url to the SDK to parse authorization code from the url
      bool isValidRedirectSignInURL = AIMobileLib.HandleOpenUrl (url, sourceApplication);
      if(!isValidRedirectSignInURL)
            return false;

      // App may also want to handle url
      return true;
}
```

Then, in ViewController.cs, do the following:

```
public override void ViewDidLoad ()
{
    base.LoadView ();

    // Here we create the Amazon Login Button
    btnLogin = UIButton.FromType (UIButtonType.RoundedRect);
    btnLogin.Frame = new RectangleF (55, 206, 209, 48);
    btnLogin.SetTitle ("Login using Amazon", UIControlState.Normal);
    btnLogin.TouchUpInside += (sender, e) => {
        AIMobileLib.AuthorizeUser (new [] { "profile"}, new AMZNAuthorizationDelegate ());
    };
    View.AddSubview (btnLogin);
}

// Class that handles Authentication Success/Failure
public class AMZNAuthorizationDelegate : AIAuthenticationDelegate
{
    public override void RequestDidSucceed(ApiResult apiResult)
    {
        // Your code after the user authorizes application for requested scopes
```

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```
var token = apiResult["access_token"];
    credentials.AddLogin("www.amazon.com",token);
}

public override void RequestDidFail(ApiError errorResponse)
{
    // Your code when the authorization fails
    InvokeOnMainThread(() => new UIAlertView("User Authorization Failed",
    errorResponse.Error.Message, null, "Ok", null).Show());
}
```

# Google (Identity Pools)

Amazon Cognito integrates with Google to provide federated authentication for your mobile application users. This section explains how to register and set up your application with Google as an identity provider.

### **Android**

#### Note

If your app uses Google and will be available on multiple mobile platforms, you should configure it as an OpenID Connect Provider, adding all created client IDs as additional audience values to allow for better integration. To learn more about Google's cross-client identity model, see Cross-client Identity.

#### Set Up Google

To enable Google Sign-in for Android, you will need to create a Google Developers console project for your application.

- 1. Go to the Google Developers console and create a new project.
- 2. Under APIs and auth > APIs > Social APIs, enable the Google API.
- 3. Under APIs and auth > Credentials > OAuth consent screen, create the dialog that will be shown to users when your app requests access to their private data.
- 4. Under **Credentials > Add Credentials**, create an OAuth 2.0 client ID for Android. You will need a client ID for each platform you intend to develop for (e.g. web, iOS, Android).
- 5. Under **Credentials > Add Credentials**, create a Service Account. The console will alert you that a new public/private key has been created.

For additional instructions on using the Google Developers console, see Managing projects in the Developers Console.

For more information on integrating Google into your Android app, see the Google documentation for Android.

### Configure the External Provider in the Amazon Cognito Console

Choose Manage Identity Pools from the Amazon Cognito Console home page:

- 1. Choose the name of the identity pool for which you want to enable Google as an external provider. The **Dashboard** page for your identity pool appears.
- In the top-right corner of the Dashboard page, choose Edit identity pool. The Edit identity pool page appears.
- 3. Scroll down and choose **Authentication providers** to expand it.
- 4. Choose the Google tab.
- 5. Choose Unlock.

6. Enter the Google Client ID you obtained from Google, and then choose Save Changes.

#### **Use Google**

To enable login with Google in your application, follow the Google documentation for Android. Successful authentication results in an OpenID Connect authentication token, which Amazon Cognito uses to authenticate the user and generate a unique identifier.

The following sample code shows how to retrieve the authentication token from the Google Play Service:

### iOS - Objective-C

#### Note

If your app uses Google and will be available on multiple mobile platforms, you should configure it as an OpenID Connect Provider, adding all created client IDs as additional audience values to allow for better integration. To learn more about Google's cross-client identity model, see Cross-client Identity.

To enable Google Sign-in for iOS, you will need to create a Google Developers console project for your application.

#### Set Up Google

- 1. Go to the Google Developers console and create a new project.
- 2. Under APIs and auth > APIs > Social APIs, enable the Google API.
- 3. Under APIs and auth > Credentials > OAuth consent screen, create the dialog that will be shown to users when your app requests access to their private data.
- 4. Under **Credentials > Add Credentials**, create an OAuth 2.0 client ID for iOS. You will need a client ID for each platform you intend to develop for (e.g. web, iOS, Android).
- 5. Under **Credentials > Add Credentials**, create a Service Account. The console will alert you that a new public/private key has been created.

For additional instructions on using the Google Developers console, see Managing projects in the Developers Console.

For more information on integrating Google into your iOS app, see the Google documentation for iOS.

Choose Manage Identity Pools from the Amazon Cognito Console home page:

### Configure the External Provider in the Amazon Cognito Console

- 1. Choose the name of the identity pool for which you want to enable Google as an external provider. The **Dashboard** page for your identity pool appears.
- 2. In the top-right corner of the **Dashboard** page, choose **Edit identity pool**. The Edit identity pool page appears.
- 3. Scroll down and choose Authentication providers to expand it.
- 4. Choose the Google tab.

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- 5. Choose Unlock.
- 6. Enter the Google Client ID you obtained from Google, and then choose Save Changes.

#### Use Google

To enable login with Google in your application, follow the Google documentation for iOS. Successful authentication results in an OpenID Connect authentication token, which Amazon Cognito uses to authenticate the user and generate a unique identifier.

Successful authentication results in a GTMOAuth2Authentication object which contains an id\_token, which Amazon Cognito uses to authenticate the user and generate a unique identifier:

```
- (void)finishedWithAuth: (GTMOAuth2Authentication *)auth error: (NSError *) error {
     NSString *idToken = [auth.parameters objectForKey:@"id_token"];
     credentialsProvider.logins = @{ @(AWSCognitoLoginProviderKeyGoogle): idToken };
}
```

### iOS - Swift

#### Note

If your app uses Google and will be available on multiple mobile platforms, you should configure it as an OpenID Connect Provider, adding all created client IDs as additional audience values to allow for better integration. To learn more about Google's cross-client identity model, see Cross-client Identity.

To enable Google Sign-in for iOS, you will need to create a Google Developers console project for your application.

### Set Up Google

- 1. Go to the Google Developers console and create a new project.
- 2. Under APIs and auth > APIs > Social APIs, enable the Google API.
- 3. Under APIs and auth > Credentials > OAuth consent screen, create the dialog that will be shown to users when your app requests access to their private data.
- 4. Under **Credentials > Add Credentials**, create an OAuth 2.0 client ID for iOS. You will need a client ID for each platform you intend to develop for (e.g. web, iOS, Android).
- 5. Under **Credentials > Add Credentials**, create a Service Account. The console will alert you that a new public/private key has been created.

For additional instructions on using the Google Developers console, see Managing projects in the Developers Console.

For more information on integrating Google into your iOS app, see the Google documentation for iOS.

Choose Manage Identity Pools from the Amazon Cognito Console home page:

#### Configure the External Provider in the Amazon Cognito Console

- 1. Choose the name of the identity pool for which you want to enable Google as an external provider. The **Dashboard** page for your identity pool appears.
- In the top-right corner of the Dashboard page, choose Edit identity pool. The Edit identity pool page appears.
- 3. Scroll down and choose **Authentication providers** to expand it.
- 4. Choose the Google tab.
- Choose Unlock.

Enter the Google Client ID you obtained from Google, and then choose Save Changes.

#### **Use Google**

To enable login with Google in your application, follow the Google documentation for iOS. Successful authentication results in an OpenID Connect authentication token, which Amazon Cognito uses to authenticate the user and generate a unique identifier.

Successful authentication results in a GTMOAuth2Authentication object which contains an id\_token, which Amazon Cognito uses to authenticate the user and generate a unique identifier:

```
func finishedWithAuth(auth: GTMOAuth2Authentication!, error: NSError!) {
   if error != nil {
      print(error.localizedDescription)
   }
   else {
      let idToken = auth.parameters.objectForKey("id_token")
      credentialsProvider.logins = [AWSCognitoLoginProviderKey.Google.rawValue: idToken!]
   }
}
```

### **JavaScript**

#### Note

If your app uses Google and will be available on multiple mobile platforms, you should configure it as an OpenID Connect Provider, adding all created client IDs as additional audience values to allow for better integration. To learn more about Google's cross-client identity model, see Cross-client Identity.

#### Set Up Google

To enable Google Sign-in for your web application, you will need to create a Google Developers console project for your application.

- 1. Go to the Google Developers console and create a new project.
- 2. Under APIs and auth > APIs > Social APIs, enable the Google API.
- 3. Under APIs and auth > Credentials > OAuth consent screen, create the dialog that will be shown to users when your app requests access to their private data.
- 4. Under Credentials > Add Credentials, create an OAuth 2.0 client ID for your web application. You will need a client ID for each platform you intend to develop for (e.g. web, iOS, Android).
- 5. Under **Credentials > Add Credentials**, create a Service Account. The console will alert you that a new public/private key has been created.

For additional instructions on using the Google Developers console, see Managing projects in the Developers Console.

#### Configure the External Provider in the Amazon Cognito Console

Choose Manage Identity Pools from the Amazon Cognito Console home page:

- 1. Choose the name of the identity pool for which you want to enable Google as an external provider. The **Dashboard** page for your identity pool appears.
- In the top-right corner of the Dashboard page, choose Edit identity pool. The Edit identity pool page appears.
- 3. Scroll down and choose Authentication providers to expand it.
- 4. Choose the Google tab.

- 5. Choose Unlock.
- 6. Enter the Google Client ID you obtained from Google, and then choose Save Changes.

#### Use Google

To enable login with Google in your application, follow the Google documentation for Web.

Successful authentication results in a response object which contains an id\_token, which Amazon Cognito uses to authenticate the user and generate a unique identifier:

### Unity

#### Set Up Google

To enable Google Sign-in for your web application, you will need to create a Google Developers console project for your application.

- 1. Go to the Google Developers console and create a new project.
- 2. Under APIs and auth > APIs > Social APIs, enable the Google API.
- 3. Under APIs and auth > Credentials > OAuth consent screen, create the dialog that will be shown to users when your app requests access to their private data.
- 4. For Unity, you need to create a total of three IDs: two for Android and one for iOS. Under **Credentials** > **Add Credentials**:
  - Android: Create an OAuth 2.0 client ID for Android and an OAuth 2.0 client ID for a web application.
  - iOS: Create an OAuth 2.0 client ID for iOS.
- 5. Under **Credentials > Add Credentials**, create a Service Account. The console will alert you that a new public/private key has been created.

### Create an OpenID Provider in the IAM Console

- 1. Next, you will need to create an OpenID Provider in the IAM Console. For instructions on how to set up an OpenID Provider, see Using OpenID Connect Identity Providers.
- 2. When prompted for your Provider URL, enter "https://accounts.google.com".
- 3. When prompted to enter a value in the **Audience** field, enter any one of the three client IDs your created in the previous steps.
- 4. After creating the provider, choose the provider name and add two more audiences, providing the two remaining client IDs.

#### Configure the External Provider in the Amazon Cognito Console

Choose Manage Identity Pools from the Amazon Cognito Console home page:

- Choose the name of the identity pool for which you want to enable Google as an external provider.
   The Dashboard page for your identity pool appears.
- 2. In the top-right corner of the **Dashboard** page, choose **Edit identity pool**. The Edit identity pool page appears.
- 3. Scroll down and choose **Authentication providers** to expand it.
- 4. Choose the **Google** tab.
- 5. Choose Unlock.
- 6. Enter the Google Client ID you obtained from Google, and then choose Save Changes.

#### Install the Unity Google Plugin

- 1. Add the Google Play Games plugin for Unity to your Unity project.
- In Unity, from the Windows menu, configure the plugin using the three IDs for the Android and iOS platforms.

### **Use Google**

The following sample code shows how to retrieve the authentication token from the Google Play Service:

```
void Start()
 PlayGamesClientConfiguration config = new PlayGamesClientConfiguration.Builder().Build();
 PlayGamesPlatform.InitializeInstance(config);
 PlayGamesPlatform.DebugLogEnabled = true;
 PlayGamesPlatform.Activate();
 Social.localUser.Authenticate(GoogleLoginCallback);
}
void GoogleLoginCallback(bool success)
 if (success)
   string token = PlayGamesPlatform.Instance.GetIdToken();
   credentials.AddLogin("accounts.google.com", token);
 }
 else
   Debug.LogError("Google login failed. If you are not running in an actual Android/iOS
device, this is expected.");
}
```

### **Xamarin**

#### Note

Google integration is not natively supported on the Xamarin platform. Integration currently requires the use of a web view to go through the browser sign in flow. To learn how Google integration works with other SDKs, please select another platform.

To enable login with Google in your application, you will need to authenticate your users and obtain an OpenID Connect token from them. Amazon Cognito uses this token to generate a unique user identifier that is associated to a Cognito Identity. Unfortunately, the Google SDK for Xamarin doesn't allow you to retrieve the OpenID Connect token, so you will need to use an alternative client or the web flow in a web view.

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Once you have the token, you can set it in your CognitoAWSCredentials:

credentials.AddLogin("accounts.google.com", token);

#### Note

If your app uses Google and will be available on multiple mobile platforms, you should configure it as an OpenID Connect Provider, adding all created client IDs as additional audience values to allow for better integration. To learn more about Google's cross-client identity model, see Cross-client Identity.

# Open ID Connect Providers (Identity Pools)

OpenID Connect is an open standard for authentication that is supported by a number of login providers. Amazon Cognito supports linking of identities with OpenID Connect providers that are configured through AWS Identity and Access Management.

### Adding an OpenID Connect Provider

For information on how to create an OpenID Connect Provider, see the IAM documentation.

#### **Associating a Provider to Amazon Cognito**

Once you've created an OpenID Connect provider in the IAM Console, you can associate it to an identity pool. All configured providers will be visible in the Edit Identity Pool screen in the Amazon Cognito Console under the OpenID Connect Providers header.

▼ OpenID Connect providers ⊕
 Amazon Cognito can authenticate users through any OpenID Connect provider. Once a provider has been configured with IAM, you can select the provider from the list below. Learn more about using OpenID Connect providers.
 ✓ accounts.google.com
 ✓ login.salesforce.com

You can associate multiple OpenID Connect providers to a single identity pool.

#### **Using OpenID Connect**

Refer to your provider's documentation for how to login and receive an ID token.

Once you have a token, add the token to the logins map, using the URI of your provider as the key.

#### Validating an OpenID Connect Token

When first integrating with Amazon Cognito, you may receive an InvalidToken exception. It is important to understand how Amazon Cognito validates OpenID Connect tokens.

- 1. The iss parameter must match the key used in the logins map (e.g. login.provider.com).
- 2. The signature must be valid. The signature must be verifiable via an RSA public key.
- 3. The fingerprint of the certificate hosting the public key matches what's configured on your OpenId Connect Provider.
- 4. If the **azp** parameter is present, check this value against listed client IDs in your OpenId Connect provider.
- 5. If the **azp** parameter is not present, check the aud parameter against listed client IDs in your OpenId Connect provider.

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The website jwt.io is a valuable resource for decoding tokens to verify these values.

### **Android**

```
Map<String, String> logins = new HashMap<String, String>();
logins.put("login.provider.com", token);
credentialsProvider.setLogins(logins);
```

### iOS - Objective-C

```
credentialsProvider.logins = @{ "login.provider.com": token }
```

### iOS - Swift

To provide the OIDC id token to Amazon Cognito, implement the AWSIdentityProviderManager protocol.

In the implementation of the logins method, return a dictionary containing the OIDC provider name you configured as the key and the current id token from the authenticated user as the value, as shown in the following code example.

```
class OIDCProvider: NSObject, AWSIdentityProviderManager {
   func logins() -> AWSTask<NSDictionary> {
       let completion = AWSTaskCompletionSource<NSString>()
       getToken(tokenCompletion: completion)
       return completion.task.continueOnSuccessWith { (task) -> AWSTask<NSDictionary>? in
            //login.provider.name is the name of the OIDC provider as setup in the Cognito
console
            return AWSTask(result:["login.provider.name":task.result!])
        } as! AWSTask<NSDictionary>
   func getToken(tokenCompletion: AWSTaskCompletionSource<NSString>) -> Void {
        //get a valid oidc token from your server, or if you have one that hasn't expired
cached, return it
        //TODO code to get token from your server
       //if error getting token, set error appropriately
       tokenCompletion.set(error:NSError(domain: "OIDC Login", code: -1 , userInfo:
["Unable to get OIDC token" : "Details about your error"]))
       //else
       tokenCompletion.set(result:"result from server id token")
   }
}
```

When you instantiate the AWSCognitoCredentialsProvider, pass the class that implements AWSIdentityProviderManager as the value of identityProviderManager in the constructor. For more information, go to the AWSCognitoCredentialsProvider reference page and choose initWithRegionType:identityPoolId:identityProviderManager.

# **JavaScript**

```
AWS.config.credentials = new AWS.CognitoIdentityCredentials({
   IdentityPoolId: 'IDENTITY_POOL_ID',
   Logins: {
```

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```
'login.provider.com': token
}
});
```

# Unity

```
credentials.AddLogin("login.provider.com", token);
```

### Xamarin

```
credentials.AddLogin("login.provider.com", token);
```

# SAML Identity Providers (Identity Pools)

Amazon Cognito supports authentication with identity providers through Security Assertion Markup Language 2.0 (SAML 2.0). You can use an identity provider that supports SAML with Amazon Cognito to provide a simple onboarding flow for your users. Your SAML-supporting identity provider specifies the IAM roles that can be assumed by your users so that different users can be granted different sets of permissions.

# Configuring Your Identity Pool for a SAML Provider

The following steps describe how to configure your identity pool to use a SAML-based provider.

#### Note

Before configuring your identity pool to support a SAML provider, you must first configure the SAML identity provider in the IAM console. For more information, see Integrating third-party SAML solution providers with AWS in the IAM User Guide.

#### To configure your identity pool to support a SAML provider

- Sign in to the Amazon Cognito console, choose Manage Identity Pools, and choose Create new identity pool.
- 2. In the Authentication providers section, choose the SAML tab.
- 3. Choose the ARN of the SAML provider and then choose Create Pool.

# Configuring Your SAML Identity Provider

After you create the SAML provider, configure your SAML identity provider to add relying party trust between your identity provider and AWS. Many identity providers allow you to specify a URL from which the identity provider can read an XML document that contains relying party information and certificates. For AWS, you can use <a href="https://signin.aws.amazon.com/static/saml-metadata.xml">https://signin.aws.amazon.com/static/saml-metadata.xml</a>. The next step is to configure the SAML assertion response from your identity provider to populate the claims needed by AWS. For details on the claim configuration, see Configuring SAML assertions for authentication response.

# Customizing Your User Role with SAML

Using SAML with Amazon Cognito Identity allows the role to be customized for the end user. Only the enhanced flow (p. 235) is supported with the SAML-based identity provider. You do not need to specify an authenticated or unauthenticated role for the identity pool to use a SAML-based identity provider. The https://aws.amazon.com/SAML/Attributes/Role claim attribute specifies one or more pairs of comma delimited role and provider ARN. These are the roles that the user is allowed

to assume. The SAML identity provider can be configured to populate the role attributes based on the user attribute information available from the identity provider. If multiple roles are received in the SAML assertion, the optional customRoleArn parameter should be populated while calling getCredentialsForIdentity. The input role received in the parameter will be assumed by the user if it matches a role in the claim in the SAML assertion.

### Authenticating Users with a SAML Identity Provider

To federate with the SAML-based identity provider, you must determine the URL that is being used to initiate the login. AWS federation uses IdP-initiated login. In AD FS 2.0 the URL takes the form of https://<fqdn>/adfs/ls/IdpInitiatedSignOn.aspx?loginToRp=urn:amazon:webservices.

To add support for your SAML identity provider in Amazon Cognito, you must first authenticate users with your SAML identity provider from your iOS or Android app. The code for integrating and authenticating with the SAML identity provider is specific to SAML providers. After your user is authenticated, you can provide the resulting SAML assertion to Amazon Cognito Identity using Amazon Cognito APIs.

### **Android**

If you are using the Android SDK you can populate the logins map with the SAML assertion as follows.

```
Map logins = new HashMap();
logins.put("arn:aws:iam::aws account id:saml-provider/name", "base64 encoded assertion
response");
// Now this should be set to CognitoCachingCredentialsProvider object.
CognitoCachingCredentialsProvider credentialsProvider = new
CognitoCachingCredentialsProvider(context, identity pool id, region);
credentialsProvider.setLogins(logins);
// If SAML assertion contains multiple roles, resolve the role by setting the custom role
credentialsProvider.setCustomRoleArn("arn:aws:iam::aws account id:role/customRoleName");
// This should trigger a call to Cognito service to get the credentials.
credentialsProvider.getCredentials();
```

### iOS

If you are using the iOS SDK you can provide the SAML assertion in AWSIdentityProviderManager as follows.

```
- (AWSTask<NSDictionary<NSString*,NSString*> *> *) logins {
    //this is hardcoded for simplicity, normally you would asynchronously go to your SAML
provider
    //get the assertion and return the logins map using a AWSTaskCompletionSource
    return [AWSTask taskWithResult:@{@"arn:aws:iam::aws account id:saml-provider/
name":@"base64 encoded assertion response"}];
}

// If SAML assertion contains multiple roles, resolve the role by setting the custom role.
// Implementing this is optional if there is only one role.
- (NSString *)customRoleArn {
    return @"arn:aws:iam::accountId:role/customRoleName";
}
```

# Developer Authenticated Identities (Identity Pools)

Amazon Cognito supports developer authenticated identities, in addition to web identity federation through Facebook (Identity Pools) (p. 256), Google (Identity Pools) (p. 264), and Login with Amazon

(Identity Pools) (p. 261). With developer authenticated identities, you can register and authenticate users via your own existing authentication process, while still using Amazon Cognito to synchronize user data and access AWS resources. Using developer authenticated identities involves interaction between the end user device, your backend for authentication, and Amazon Cognito. For more details, please read our blog.

# Understanding the Authentication Flow

For information on the developer authenticated identities authflow and how it differs from the external provider authflow, see Identity Pools (Federated Identities) Authentication Flow (p. 235).

# Define a Developer Provider Name and Associate it with an Identity Pool

To use developer authenticated identities, you'll need an identity pool associated with your developer provider. To do so, follow these steps:

- 1. Log in to the Amazon Cognito console.
- Create a new identity pool and, as part of the process, define a developer provider name in the Custom tab in Authentication Providers.
- Alternatively, edit an existing identity pool and define a developer provider name in the Custom tab in Authentication Providers.

Note: Once the provider name has been set, it cannot be changed.

For additional instructions on working with the Amazon Cognito Console, see Using the Amazon Cognito Console (p. 3).

# Implement an Identity Provider

### **Android**

To use developer authenticated identities, implement your own identity provider class which extends AWSAbstractCognitoIdentityProvider. Your identity provider class should return a response object containing the token as an attribute.

Below is a simple example of an identity provider which is used in our sample app:

```
public class DeveloperAuthenticationProvider extends
AWSAbstractCognitoDeveloperIdentityProvider {
   private static final String developerProvider = "<Developer_provider_name>";
   public DeveloperAuthenticationProvider(String accountId, String identityPoolId, Regions region) {
      super(accountId, identityPoolId, region);
      // Initialize any other objects needed here.
   }
   // Return the developer provider name which you choose while setting up the
   // identity pool in the &COG; Console
   @Override
   public String getProviderName() {
```

```
return developerProvider;
  // Use the refresh method to communicate with your backend to get an
 // identityId and token.
 @Override
 public String refresh() {
   // Override the existing token
   setToken(null);
   // Get the identityId and token by making a call to your backend
   // (Call to your backend)
   // Call the update method with updated identityId and token to make sure
   // these are ready to be used from Credentials Provider.
   update(identityId, token);
   return token;
 // If the app has a valid identityId return it, otherwise get a valid
 // identityId from your backend.
 @Override
 public String getIdentityId() {
   // Load the identityId from the cache
   identityId = cachedIdentityId;
   if (identityId == null) {
       // Call to your backend
   } else {
      return identityId;
 }
}
```

To use this identity provider, you have to pass it into CognitoCachingCredentialsProvider. Here's an example:

```
DeveloperAuthenticationProvider developerProvider = new
DeveloperAuthenticationProvider( null, "IDENTITYPOOLID", context, Regions.USEAST1);
CognitoCachingCredentialsProvider credentialsProvider = new
CognitoCachingCredentialsProvider( context, developerProvider, Regions.USEAST1);
```

# iOS - Objective-C

To use developer authenticated identities, implement your own identity provider class which extends AWSCognitoCredentialsProviderHelper. Your identity provider class should return a response object containing the token as an attribute.

```
@implementation DeveloperAuthenticatedIdentityProvider
/*
 * Use the token method to communicate with your backend to get an
 * identityId and token.
 */
- (AWSTask <NSString*> *) token {
```

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```
//Write code to call your backend:
   //Pass username/password to backend or some sort of token to authenticate user
   //If successful, from backend call getOpenIdTokenForDeveloperIdentity with logins map
   //containing "your.provider.name":"enduser.username"
   //Return the identity id and token to client
   //You can use AWSTaskCompletionSource to do this asynchronously

   // Set the identity id and return the token
   self.identityId = response.identityId;
   return [AWSTask taskWithResult:response.token];
}
```

To use this identity provider, pass it into AWSCognitoCredentialsProvider as shown in the following example:

If you want to support both unauthenticated identities and developer authenticated identities, override the logins method in your AWSCognitoCredentialsProviderHelper implementation.

```
- (AWSTask<NSDictionary<NSString *, NSString *> *> *)logins {
   if(/*logic to determine if user is unauthenticated*/) {
      return [AWSTask taskWithResult:nil];
   }else{
      return [super logins];
   }
}
```

If you want to support developer authenticated identities and social providers, you must manage who the current provider is in your logins implementation of AWSCognitoCredentialsProviderHelper.

```
- (AWSTask<NSDictionary<NSString *, NSString *> *> *)logins {
   if(/*logic to determine if user is unauthenticated*/) {
      return [AWSTask taskWithResult:nil];
   }else if (/*logic to determine if user is Facebook*/){
      return [AWSTask taskWithResult: @{ AWSIdentityProviderFacebook : [FBSDKAccessToken currentAccessToken] }];
   }else {
      return [super logins];
   }
}
```

### iOS - Swift

To use developer authenticated identities, implement your own identity provider class which extends AWSCognitoCredentialsProviderHelper. Your identity provider class should return a response object containing the token as an attribute.

```
import AWSCore
```

```
* Use the token method to communicate with your backend to get an
* identityId and token.
*/
class DeveloperAuthenticatedIdentityProvider : AWSCognitoCredentialsProviderHelper {
   override func token() -> AWSTask<NSString> {
   //Write code to call your backend:
   //pass username/password to backend or some sort of token to authenticate user, if
successful.
   //from backend call getOpenIdTokenForDeveloperIdentity with logins map containing
"your.provider.name": "enduser.username"
   //return the identity id and token to client
   //You can use AWSTaskCompletionSource to do this asynchronously
   // Set the identity id and return the token
   self.identityId = resultFromAbove.identityId
   return AWSTask(result: resultFromAbove.token)
}
```

To use this identity provider, pass it into AWSCognitoCredentialsProvider as shown in the following example:

```
let devAuth =
   DeveloperAuthenticatedIdentityProvider(regionType: .YOUR_IDENTITY_POOL_REGION,
   identityPoolId: "YOUR_IDENTITY_POOL_ID", useEnhancedFlow: true,
   identityProviderManager:nil)
let credentialsProvider =
   AWSCognitoCredentialsProvider(regionType: .YOUR_IDENTITY_POOL_REGION,
   identityProvider:devAuth)
let configuration = AWSServiceConfiguration(region: .YOUR_IDENTITY_POOL_REGION,
   credentialsProvider:credentialsProvider)
AWSServiceManager.default().defaultServiceConfiguration = configuration
```

If you want to support both unauthenticated identities and developer authenticated identities, override the logins method in your AWSCognitoCredentialsProviderHelper implementation.

```
override func logins () -> AWSTask<NSDictionary> {
    if(/*logic to determine if user is unauthenticated*/) {
        return AWSTask(result:nil)
    }else {
        return super.logins()
    }
}
```

If you want to support developer authenticated identities and social providers, you must manage who the current provider is in your logins implementation of AWSCognitoCredentialsProviderHelper.

```
override func logins () -> AWSTask<NSDictionary> {
    if(/*logic to determine if user is unauthenticated*/) {
        return AWSTask(result:nil)
    }else if (/*logic to determine if user is Facebook*/){
        if let token = AccessToken.current?.authenticationToken {
            return AWSTask(result: [AWSIdentityProviderFacebook:token])
        }
        return AWSTask(error:NSError(domain: "Facebook Login", code: -1 , userInfo:
        ["Facebook" : "No current Facebook access token"]))
    }else {
        return super.logins()
    }
}
```

### **JavaScript**

Once you obtain an identity ID and session token from your backend, you will to pass them into the AWS.CognitoIdentityCredentials provider. Here's an example:

```
AWS.config.credentials = new AWS.CognitoIdentityCredentials({
    IdentityPoolId: 'IDENTITY_POOL_ID',
    IdentityId: 'IDENTITY_ID_RETURNED_FROM_YOUR_PROVIDER',
    Logins: {
        'cognito-identity.amazonaws.com': 'TOKEN_RETURNED_FROM_YOUR_PROVIDER'
    }
});
```

### Unity

To use developer-authenticated identities you have to extend CognitoAWSCredentials and override the RefreshIdentity method to retrieve the user identity id and token from your backend and return them. Below is a simple example of an identity provider that would contact a hypothetical backend at 'example.com':

```
using UnityEngine;
using System.Collections;
using Amazon.CognitoIdentity;
using System.Collections.Generic;
using ThirdParty.Json.LitJson;
using System;
using System. Threading;
public class DeveloperAuthenticatedCredentials : CognitoAWSCredentials
    const string PROVIDER NAME = "example.com";
    const string IDENTITY_POOL = "IDENTITY_POOL_ID";
    static readonly RegionEndpoint REGION = RegionEndpoint.USEast1;
    private string login = null;
    public DeveloperAuthenticatedCredentials(string loginAlias)
        : base(IDENTITY_POOL, REGION)
        login = loginAlias;
    }
   protected override IdentityState RefreshIdentity()
        IdentityState state = null;
        ManualResetEvent waitLock = new ManualResetEvent(false);
        MainThreadDispatcher.ExecuteCoroutineOnMainThread(ContactProvider((s) =>
        {
            state = s;
            waitLock.Set();
        }));
        waitLock.WaitOne();
        return state;
    IEnumerator ContactProvider(Action<IdentityState> callback)
        WWW www = new WWW("http://example.com/?username="+login);
        yield return www;
        string response = www.text;
        JsonData json = JsonMapper.ToObject(response);
```

```
//The backend has to send us back an Identity and a OpenID token
string identityId = json["IdentityId"].ToString();
string token = json["Token"].ToString();

IdentityState state = new IdentityState(identityId, PROVIDER_NAME, token, false);
callback(state);
}
```

The code above uses a thread dispatcher object to call a coroutine. If you don't have a way to do this in your project, you can use the following script in your scenes:

```
using System;
using UnityEngine;
using System.Collections;
using System.Collections.Generic;
public class MainThreadDispatcher : MonoBehaviour
{
    static Queue<IEnumerator> _coroutineQueue = new Queue<IEnumerator>();
    static object _lock = new object();
    public void Update()
        while (_coroutineQueue.Count > 0)
            StartCoroutine(_coroutineQueue.Dequeue());
        }
    }
    public static void ExecuteCoroutineOnMainThread(IEnumerator coroutine)
        lock (_lock) {
            _coroutineQueue.Enqueue(coroutine);
    }
}
```

### Xamarin

To use developer-authenticated identities you have to extend CognitoAWSCredentials and override the RefreshIdentity method to retrieve the user identity id and token from your backend and return them. Below is a simple example of an identity provider that would contact a hypothetical backend at 'example.com':

```
public class DeveloperAuthenticatedCredentials : CognitoAWSCredentials
{
    const string PROVIDER_NAME = "example.com";
    const string IDENTITY_POOL = "IDENTITY_POOL_ID";
    static readonly RegionEndpoint REGION = RegionEndpoint.USEast1;
    private string login = null;

public DeveloperAuthenticatedCredentials(string loginAlias)
        : base(IDENTITY_POOL, REGION)
    {
        login = loginAlias;
    }

    protected override async Task<IdentityState> RefreshIdentityAsync()
    {
        IdentityState state = null;
    }
}
```

```
//get your identity and set the state
  return state;
}
```

# Updating the Logins Map (Android and iOS only)

### **Android**

After successfully authenticating the user with your authentication system, update the logins map with the developer provider name and a developer user identifier, which is an alphanumeric string that uniquely identifies a user in your authentication system. Be sure to call the refresh method after updating the logins map as the identityId might have changed:

```
HashMap<String, String> loginsMap = new HashMap<String, String>();
loginsMap.put(developerAuthenticationProvider.getProviderName(), developerUserIdentifier);
credentialsProvider.setLogins(loginsMap);
credentialsProvider.refresh();
```

## iOS - Objective-C

The iOS SDK only calls your logins method to get the latest logins map if there are no credentials or they have expired. If you want to force the SDK to obtain new credentials (e.g., your end user went from unauthenticated to authenticated and you want credentials against the authenticated user), call clearCredentials on your credentialsProvider.

```
[credentialsProvider clearCredentials];
```

### iOS - Swift

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```
credentialsProvider.clearCredentials()
```

# Getting a Token (Server Side)

You obtain a token by calling GetOpenIdTokenForDeveloperIdentity. This API must be invoked from your backend using AWS developer credentials. It must not be invoked from the client SDK. The API receives the Cognito identity pool ID; a logins map containing your identity provider name as the key and identifier as the value; and optionally a Cognito identity ID (i.e., you are making an unauthenticated user authenticated). The identifier can be the username of your user, an email address, or a numerical value. The API responds to your call with a unique Cognito ID for your user and an OpenID Connect token for the end user.

A few things to keep in mind about the token returned by GetOpenIdTokenForDeveloperIdentity:

- You can specify a custom expiration time for the token so you can cache it. If you don't provide any
  custom expiration time, the token is valid for 15 minutes.
- The maximum token duration you can set is 24 hours.

• Be mindful of the security implications of increasing the token duration. If an attacker obtains this token, they can exchange it for AWS credentials for the end user for the token duration.

The following Java snippet shows how to initialize an Amazon Cognito client and retrieve a token for a developer authenticated identity.

```
// authenticate your end user as appropriate
// ....
// if authenticated, initialize a cognito client with your AWS developer credentials
AmazonCognitoIdentity identityClient = new AmazonCognitoIdentityClient(
 new BasicAWSCredentials("access_key_id", "secret_access_key")
// create a new request to retrieve the token for your end user
GetOpenIdTokenForDeveloperIdentityRequest request =
 new GetOpenIdTokenForDeveloperIdentityRequest();
request.setIdentityPoolId("YOUR COGNITO IDENTITY POOL ID");
request.setIdentityId("YOUR_COGNITO_IDENTITY_ID"); //optional, set this if your client has
 an
                                                    //identity ID that you want to link to
 this
                                                    //developer account
// set up your logins map with the username of your end user
HashMap<String,String> logins = new HashMap<>();
logins.put("YOUR_IDENTITY_PROVIDER_NAME","YOUR_END_USER_IDENTIFIER");
request.setLogins(logins);
// optionally set token duration (in seconds)
request.setTokenDuration(60 * 151);
GetOpenIdTokenForDeveloperIdentityResult response =
  identityClient.getOpenIdTokenForDeveloperIdentity(request);
// obtain identity id and token to return to your client
String identityId = response.getIdentityId();
String token = response.getToken();
//code to return identity id and token to client
//...
```

Following the steps above, you should be able to integrate developer authenticated identities in your app. If you have any issues or questions please feel free to post in our forums.

# Connect to an Existing Social Identity

All linking of providers when you are using developer authenticated identities must be done from your backend. To connect a custom identity to a user's social identity (Facebook, Google, or Amazon), add the identity provider token to the logins map when you call GetOpenIdTokenForDeveloperIdentity. To make this possible, when you call your backend from your client SDK to authenticate your end user, additionally pass the end user's social provider token.

For example, if you are trying to link a custom identity to Facebook, you would add the Facebook token in addition to your identity provider identifier to the logins map when you call GetOpenIdTokenForDeveloperIdentity.

```
logins.put("YOUR_IDENTITY_PROVIDER_NAME","YOUR_END_USER_IDENTIFIER");
logins.put("graph.facebook.com","END_USERS_FACEBOOK_ACCESSTOKEN");
```

## **Supporting Transition Between Providers**

#### **Android**

Your application might require supporting unauthenticated identities or authenticated identities using public providers (Login with Amazon, Facebook or Google) along with developer authenticated identities. The essential difference between developer authenticated identities and other identities (unauthenticated identities and authenticated identities using public provider) is the way the identityld and token are obtained. For other identities the mobile application will interact directly with Amazon Cognito instead of contacting your authentication system. So the mobile application should be able to support two distinct flows depending on the choice made by the app user. For this you will have to make some changes to the custom identity provider.

The refresh method should check the logins map, if the map is not empty and has a key with developer provider name, then you should call your backend; otherwise just call the getIdentityId method and return null.

```
public String refresh() {
  setToken(null);
  // If the logins map is not empty make a call to your backend
   // to get the token and identityId
  if (getProviderName() != null &&
      !this.loginsMap.isEmpty() &&
      this.loginsMap.containsKey(getProviderName())) {
      * This is where you would call your backend
      // now set the returned identity id and token in the provider
      update(identityId, token);
     return token;
   } else {
      // Call getIdentityId method and return null
      this.getIdentityId();
      return null;
   }
}
```

Similarly the getIdentityId method will have two flows depending on the contents of the logins map:

```
public String getIdentityId() {
    // Load the identityId from the cache
    identityId = cachedIdentityId;

if (identityId == null) {
    // If the logins map is not empty make a call to your backend
    // to get the token and identityId

if (getProviderName() != null && !this.loginsMap.isEmpty()
    && this.loginsMap.containsKey(getProviderName())) {
    /**
        * This is where you would call your backend
        **/
```

```
// now set the returned identity id and token in the provider
    update(identityId, token);
    return token;

} else {
    // Otherwise call &COG; using getIdentityId of super class
    return super.getIdentityId();
}

} else {
    return identityId;
}
```

### iOS - Objective-C

Your application might require supporting unauthenticated identities or authenticated identities using public providers (Login with Amazon, Facebook or Google) along with developer authenticated identities. To do this, override the AWSCognitoCredentialsProviderHelper logins method to be able to return the correct logins map based on the current identity provider. This example shows you how you might pivot between unauthenticated, Facebook and developer authenticated.

```
- (AWSTask<NSDictionary<NSString *, NSString *> *> *)logins {
   if(/*logic to determine if user is unauthenticated*/) {
      return [AWSTask taskWithResult:nil];
   }else if (/*logic to determine if user is Facebook*/){
      return [AWSTask taskWithResult: @{ AWSIdentityProviderFacebook : [FBSDKAccessToken currentAccessToken] }];
   }else {
      return [super logins];
   }
}
```

When you transition from unauthenticated to authenticated, you should call [credentialsProvider clearCredentials]; to force the SDK to get new authenticated credentials. When you switch between two authenticated providers and you aren't trying to link the two providers (i.e. you are not providing tokens for multiple providers in your logins dictionary), you should call [credentialsProvider clearKeychain];. This will clear both the credentials and identity and force the SDK to get new ones.

### iOS - Swift

Your application might require supporting unauthenticated identities or authenticated identities using public providers (Login with Amazon, Facebook or Google) along with developer authenticated identities. To do this, override the AWSCognitoCredentialsProviderHelper logins method to be able to return the correct logins map based on the current identity provider. This example shows you how you might pivot between unauthenticated, Facebook and developer authenticated.

```
override func logins () -> AWSTask<NSDictionary> {
   if(/*logic to determine if user is unauthenticated*/) {
      return AWSTask(result:nil)
   }else if (/*logic to determine if user is Facebook*/){
      if let token = AccessToken.current?.authenticationToken {
          return AWSTask(result: [AWSIdentityProviderFacebook:token])
      }
      return AWSTask(error:NSError(domain: "Facebook Login", code: -1 , userInfo:
["Facebook" : "No current Facebook access token"]))
   }else {
      return super.logins()
```

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}

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### Unity

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The recommended way to do it in Unity is to extend your identity provider from AmazonCognitoEnhancedIdentityProvide instead of AbstractCognitoIdentityProvider, and call the parent RefreshAsync method instead of your own in case the user is not authenticated with your own backend. If the user is authenticated, you can use the same flow explained before.

#### Xamarin

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# Switching Unauthenticated Users to Authenticated Users (Identity Pools)

Amazon Cognito identity pools support both authenticated and unauthenticated users. Unauthenticated users receive access to your AWS resources even if they aren't logged in with any of your identity providers (IdPs). This degree of access is useful to display content to users before they log in. Each unauthenticated user has a unique identity in the identity pool, even though they haven't been individually logged in and authenticated.

This section describes the case where your user chooses to switch from logging in with an unauthenticated identity to using an authenticated identity.

### **Android**

Users can log in to your application as unauthenticated guests. Eventually they might decide to log in using one of the supported IdPs. Amazon Cognito makes sure that an old identity retains the same unique identifier as the new one, and that the profile data is merged automatically.

Your application is informed of a profile merge through the IdentityChangedListener interface. Implement the identityChanged method in the interface to receive these messages:

```
@override
public void identityChanged(String oldIdentityId, String newIdentityId) {
    // handle the change
}
```

## iOS - Objective-C

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NSNotificationCenter informs your application of a profile merge:

### iOS - Swift

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NSNotificationCenter informs your application of a profile merge:

```
[NSNotificationCenter.defaultCenter().addObserver(observer: self
    selector:"identityDidChange"
    name:AWSCognitoIdentityIdChangedNotification
    object:nil)

func identityDidChange(notification: NSNotification!) {
    if let userInfo = notification.userInfo as? [String: AnyObject] {
        print("identity changed from: \(userInfo[AWSCognitoNotificationPreviousId]))
        to: \(userInfo[AWSCognitoNotificationNewId])")
    }
}
```

## **JavaScript**

## Initially Unauthenticated User

Users typically start with the unauthenticated role. For this role, you set the credentials property of your configuration object without a Logins property. In this case, your default configuration might look like the following:

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```
// set the default config object
var creds = new AWS.CognitoIdentityCredentials({
    IdentityPoolId: 'us-east-1:1699ebc0-7900-4099-b910-2df94f52a030'
});
AWS.config.credentials = creds;
```

#### Switch to Authenticated User

When an unauthenticated user logs in to an IdP and you have a token, you can switch the user from unauthenticated to authenticated by calling a custom function that updates the credentials object and adds the Logins token:

```
// Called when an identity provider has a token for a logged in user
function userLoggedIn(providerName, token) {
   creds.params.Logins = creds.params.Logins || {};
   creds.params.Logins[providerName] = token;

   // Expire credentials to refresh them on the next request
   creds.expired = true;
}
```

You can also create a CognitoIdentityCredentials object. If you do, you must reset the credentials properties of any existing service objects to reflect the updated credentials configuration information. See Using the Global Configuration Object.

For more information about the CognitoIdentityCredentials object, see AWS.CognitoIdentityCredentials in the AWS SDK for JavaScript API Reference.

## Unity

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You can subscribe to the IdentityChangedEvent to be notified of profile merges:

```
credentialsProvider.IdentityChangedEvent += delegate(object sender,
   CognitoAWSCredentials.IdentityChangedArgs e)
{
    // handle the change
    Debug.log("Identity changed from " + e.OldIdentityId + " to " + e.NewIdentityId);
};
```

### **Xamarin**

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```
credentialsProvider.IdentityChangedEvent += delegate(object sender,
   CognitoAWSCredentials.IdentityChangedArgs e){
     // handle the change
     Console.WriteLine("Identity changed from " + e.OldIdentityId + " to " +
     e.NewIdentityId);
};
```

## Amazon Cognito Sync

#### Note

If you're new to Amazon Cognito Sync, use AWS AppSync. Like Amazon Cognito Sync, AWS AppSync is a service for synchronizing application data across devices.

It enables user data like app preferences or game state to be synchronized. It also extends these capabilities by allowing multiple users to synchronize and collaborate in real time on shared data.

Amazon Cognito Sync is an AWS service and client library that enables cross-device syncing of application-related user data. You can use it to synchronize user profile data across mobile devices and the web without requiring your own backend. The client libraries cache data locally so your app can read and write data regardless of device connectivity status. When the device is online, you can synchronize data, and if you set up push sync, notify other devices immediately that an update is available.

For information about Amazon Cognito Identity region availability, see AWS Service Region Availability.

To learn more about Amazon Cognito Sync, see the following topics.

#### **Topics**

- Getting Started with Amazon Cognito Sync (p. 287)
- Synchronizing Data (p. 288)
- Handling Callbacks (p. 295)
- Push Sync (p. 307)
- Amazon Cognito Streams (p. 313)
- Amazon Cognito Events (p. 315)

## Getting Started with Amazon Cognito Sync

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## Sign Up for an AWS Account

To use Amazon Cognito Sync, you need an AWS account. If you don't already have one, use the following procedure to sign up:

#### To sign up for an AWS account

- 1. Open https://portal.aws.amazon.com/billing/signup.
- 2. Follow the online instructions.

Part of the sign-up procedure involves receiving a phone call and entering a verification code on the phone keypad.

## Set Up an Identity Pool in Amazon Cognito

Amazon Cognito Sync requires an Amazon Cognito identity pool to provide user identities. Thus you need to first set up an identity pool before using Amazon Cognito Sync. Follow the Getting Started with Amazon Cognito Identity Pools (Federated Identities) (p. 228) guide to create an identity pool and install the SDK.

## Store and Sync Data

Once you have set up your identity pool and installed the SDK, you can start storing and syncing data between devices. See Synchronizing Data (p. 288) for more information.

## **Synchronizing Data**

#### Note

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Amazon Cognito lets you save end user data in datasets containing key-value pairs. This data is associated with an Amazon Cognito identity, so that it can be accessed across logins and devices. To sync this data between the Amazon Cognito service and an end user's devices, invoke the synchronize method. Each dataset can have a maximum size of 1 MB. You can associate up to 20 datasets with an identity.

The Amazon Cognito Sync client creates a local cache for the identity data. Your app talks to this local cache when it reads and writes keys. This guarantees that all of your changes made on the device are immediately available on the device, even when you are offline. When the synchronize method is called, changes from the service are pulled to the device, and any local changes are pushed to the service. At this point the changes are available to other devices to synchronize.

## Initializing the Amazon Cognito Sync Client

To initialize the Amazon Cognito Sync client, you first need to create a credentials provider. The credentials provider acquires temporary AWS credentials to enable your app to access your AWS

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resources. You'll also need to import the required header files. Use the following steps to initialize the Amazon Cognito Sync client.

#### **Android**

- 1. Create a credentials provider, following the instructions in Getting Credentials (p. 248).
- 2. Import the Amazon Cognito package: import com.amazonaws.mobileconnectors.cognito.\*;
- 3. Initialize Amazon Cognito Sync, passing in the Android app context, the identity pool ID, an AWS region, and an initialized Amazon Cognito credentials provider:

```
CognitoSyncManager client = new CognitoSyncManager(
   getApplicationContext(),
   Regions.YOUR_REGION,
   credentialsProvider);
```

### iOS - Objective-C

- 1. Create a credentials provider, following the instructions in Getting Credentials (p. 248).
- 2. Import AWSCore and Cognito, and initialize AWSCognito:

```
#import <AWSiOSSDKv2/AWSCore.h>
#import <AWSCognitoSync/Cognito.h>
AWSCognito *syncClient = [AWSCognito defaultCognito];
```

If you're using CocoaPods, replace <AWSiOSSDKv2/AWSCore.h> with AWSCore.h and follow the same syntax for the Amazon Cognito import.

### iOS - Swift

- 1. Create a credentials provider, following the instructions in Getting Credentials (p. 248).
- Import and initialize AWSCognito:

```
import AWSCognito
let syncClient = AWSCognito.default()!
```

## **JavaScript**

- 1. Download the Amazon Cognito Sync Manager for JavaScript.
- 2. Include the Sync Manager library in your project.
- 3. Create a credentials provider, following the instructions in Getting Credentials (p. 248).
- 4. Initialize the Sync Manager:

```
var syncManager = new AWS.CognitoSyncManager();
```

### Unity

1. You will need to first create an instance of CognitoAWSCredentials, following the instructions in Getting Credentials (p. 248).

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Create an instance of CognitoSyncManager, passing the CognitoAwsCredentials object and a AmazonCognitoSyncConfig with, at least, the region set:

```
AmazonCognitoSyncConfig clientConfig = new AmazonCognitoSyncConfig { RegionEndpoint = REGION };
CognitoSyncManager syncManager = new CognitoSyncManager(credentials, clientConfig);
```

#### **Xamarin**

- You will need to first create an instance of CognitoAWSCredentials, following the instructions in Getting Credentials (p. 248).
- Create an instance of CognitoSyncManager, passing the CognitoAwsCredentials object and a AmazonCognitoSyncConfig with, at least, the region set:

```
AmazonCognitoSyncConfig clientConfig = new AmazonCognitoSyncConfig { RegionEndpoint = REGION };
CognitoSyncManager syncManager = new CognitoSyncManager(credentials, clientConfig);
```

## **Understanding Datasets**

With Amazon Cognito, end user profile data is organized into datasets. Each dataset can contain up to 1MB of data in the form of key-value pairs. A dataset is the most granular entity on which you can perform a sync operation. Read and write operations performed on a dataset only affect the local store until the synchronize method is invoked. A dataset is identified by a unique string. You can create a new dataset or open an existing one as shown in the following.

#### **Android**

```
Dataset dataset = client.openOrCreateDataset("datasetname");
```

To delete a dataset, first call the method to remove it from local storage, then call the synchronize method to delete the dataset from Amazon Cognito:

```
dataset.delete();
dataset.synchronize(syncCallback);
```

## iOS - Objective-C

```
AWSCognitoDataset *dataset = [syncClient openOrCreateDataset:@"myDataSet"];
```

To delete a dataset, first call the method to remove it from local storage, then call the synchronize method to delete the dataset from Amazon Cognito:

```
[dataset clear];
[dataset synchronize];
```

### iOS - Swift

```
let dataset = syncClient.openOrCreateDataset("myDataSet")!
```

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To delete a dataset, first call the method to remove it from local storage, then call the synchronize method to delete the dataset from Amazon Cognito:

```
dataset.clear()
dataset.synchronize()
```

### **JavaScript**

```
syncManager.openOrCreateDataset('myDatasetName', function(err, dataset) {
   // ...
});
```

### Unity

```
string myValue = dataset.Get("myKey");
dataset.Put("myKey", "newValue");
```

You can use Remove to delete a key from a dataset:

```
dataset.Remove("myKey");
```

#### **Xamarin**

```
Dataset dataset = syncManager.OpenOrCreateDataset("myDatasetName");
```

To delete a dataset, first call the method to remove it from local storage, then call the synchronize method to delete the dataset from Amazon Cognito:

```
dataset.Delete();
dataset.SynchronizeAsync();
```

## Reading and Writing Data in Datasets

Amazon Cognito datasets function as dictionaries, with values accessible by key. The keys and values of a dataset can be read, added, or modified just as if the dataset were a dictionary. The following shows an example.

Note that values written to a dataset only affect the local cached copy of the data until you call the synchronize method.

### **Android**

```
String value = dataset.get("myKey");
dataset.put("myKey", "my value");
```

## iOS - Objective-C

```
[dataset setString:@"my value" forKey:@"myKey"];
NSString *value = [dataset stringForKey:@"myKey"];
```

### iOS - Swift

```
dataset.setString("my value", forKey:"myKey")
let value = dataset.stringForKey("myKey")
```

### **JavaScript**

```
dataset.get('myKey', function(err, value) {
  console.log('myRecord: ' + value);
});

dataset.put('newKey', 'newValue', function(err, record) {
  console.log(record);
});

dataset.remove('oldKey', function(err, record) {
  console.log(success);
});
```

### Unity

```
string myValue = dataset.Get("myKey");
dataset.Put("myKey", "newValue");
```

### Xamarin

```
//obtain a value
string myValue = dataset.Get("myKey");

// Create a record in a dataset and synchronize with the server
dataset.OnSyncSuccess += SyncSuccessCallback;
dataset.Put("myKey", "myValue");
dataset.SynchronizeAsync();

void SyncSuccessCallback(object sender, SyncSuccessEventArgs e) {
    // Your handler code here
}
```

### **Android**

You can use the remove method to remove keys from a dataset:

```
dataset.remove("myKey");
```

## iOS - Objective-C

You can use removeObjectForKey to delete a key from a dataset:

```
[dataset removeObjectForKey:@"myKey"];
```

### iOS - Swift

You can use removeObjectForKey to delete a key from a dataset:

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```
dataset.removeObjectForKey("myKey")
```

### Unity

You can use Remove to delete a key from a dataset:

```
dataset.Remove("myKey");
```

#### **Xamarin**

You can use Remove to delete a key from a dataset:

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```

## Synchronizing Local Data with the Sync Store

### **Android**

The synchronize method compares local cached data to the data stored in the Amazon Cognito Sync store. Remote changes are pulled from the Amazon Cognito Sync store; conflict resolution is invoked if any conflicts occur; and updated values on the device are pushed to the service. To synchronize a dataset, call its synchronize method:

```
dataset.synchronize(syncCallback);
```

The synchronize method receives an implementation of the SyncCallback interface, discussed below.

The synchronizeOnConnectivity() method attempts to synchronize when connectivity is available. If connectivity is immediately available, synchronizeOnConnectivity() behaves like synchronize(). Otherwise it monitors for connectivity changes and performs a sync once connectivity is available. If synchronizeOnConnectivity() is called multiple times, only the last synchronize request is kept, and only the last callback will fire. If either the dataset or the callback is garbage-collected, this method won't perform a sync, and the callback won't fire.

To learn more about dataset synchronization and the different callbacks, see Handling Callbacks (p. 295).

### iOS - Objective-C

The synchronize method compares local cached data to the data stored in the Amazon Cognito Sync store. Remote changes are pulled from the Amazon Cognito Sync store; conflict resolution is invoked if any conflicts occur; and updated values on the device are pushed to the service. To synchronize a dataset, call its synchronize method:

The synchronize method is asynchronous and returns an AWSTask object to handle the response:

```
[[dataset synchronize] continueWithBlock:^id(AWSTask *task) {
   if (task.isCancelled) {
        // Task cancelled.
   } else if (task.error) {
        // Error while executing task.
   } else {
```

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```
// Task succeeded. The data was saved in the sync store.
}
return nil;
}];
```

The synchronizeOnConnectivity method attempts to synchronize when the device has connectivity. First, synchronizeOnConnectivity checks for connectivity and, if the device is online, immediately invokes synchronize and returns the AWSTask object associated with the attempt.

If the device is offline, synchronizeOnConnectivity 1) schedules a synchronize for the next time the device comes online and 2) returns an AWSTask with a nil result. The scheduled synchronize is only valid for the lifecycle of the dataset object. The data will not be synchronized if the app is exited before connectivity is regained. If you want to be notified when events occur during the scheduled synchronize, you must add observers of the notifications found in AWSCognito.

To learn more about dataset synchronization and the different callbacks, see Handling Callbacks (p. 295).

#### iOS - Swift

The synchronize method compares local cached data to the data stored in the Amazon Cognito Sync store. Remote changes are pulled from the Amazon Cognito Sync store; conflict resolution is invoked if any conflicts occur; and updated values on the device are pushed to the service. To synchronize a dataset, call its synchronize method:

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To learn more about dataset synchronization and the different callbacks, see Handling Callbacks (p. 295).

### **JavaScript**

The synchronize method compares local cached data to the data stored in the Amazon Cognito Sync store. Remote changes are pulled from the Amazon Cognito Sync store; conflict resolution is invoked if any conflicts occur; and updated values on the device are pushed to the service. To synchronize a dataset, call its synchronize method:

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dataset.synchronize();

To learn more about dataset synchronization and the different callbacks, see Handling Callbacks (p. 295).

### Unity

The synchronize method compares local cached data to the data stored in the Amazon Cognito Sync store. Remote changes are pulled from the Amazon Cognito Sync store; conflict resolution is invoked if any conflicts occur; and updated values on the device are pushed to the service. To synchronize a dataset, call its synchronize method:

dataset.Synchronize();

Synchronize will run asynchronously and will end up calling one of the several callbacks you can specify in the Dataset.

To learn more about dataset synchronization and the different callbacks, see Handling Callbacks (p. 295).

#### Xamarin

The synchronize method compares local cached data to the data stored in the Amazon Cognito Sync store. Remote changes are pulled from the Amazon Cognito Sync store; conflict resolution is invoked if any conflicts occur; and updated values on the device are pushed to the service. To synchronize a dataset, call its synchronize method:

dataset.SynchronizeAsync();

To learn more about dataset synchronization and the different callbacks, see Handling Callbacks (p. 295).

## **Handling Callbacks**

#### Note

If you're new to Amazon Cognito Sync, use AWS AppSync. Like Amazon Cognito Sync, AWS AppSync is a service for synchronizing application data across devices.

It enables user data like app preferences or game state to be synchronized. It also extends these capabilities by allowing multiple users to synchronize and collaborate in real time on shared data.

This section describes how to handle callbacks.

### **Android**

#### SyncCallback Interface

By implementing the SyncCallback interface, you can receive notifications on your app about dataset synchronization. Your app can then make active decisions about deleting local data, merging unauthenticated and authenticated profiles, and resolving sync conflicts. You should implement the following methods, which are required by the interface:

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onSuccess()onFailure()onConflict()onDatasetDeleted()onDatasetsMerged()

Note that, if you don't want to specify all the callbacks, you can also use the class DefaultSyncCallback which provides default, empty implementations for all of them.

#### onSuccess

The onSuccess() callback is triggered when a dataset is successfully downloaded from the sync store.

```
@Override
public void onSuccess(Dataset dataset, List<Record> newRecords) {
}
```

#### onFailure

onFailure() is called if an exception occurs during synchronization.

```
@Override
public void onFailure(DataStorageException dse) {
}
```

#### onConflict

Conflicts may arise if the same key has been modified on the local store and in the sync store. The onConflict() method handles conflict resolution. If you don't implement this method, the Amazon Cognito Sync client defaults to using the most recent change.

```
@Override
public boolean onConflict(Dataset dataset, final List<SyncConflict> conflicts) {
   List<Record> resolvedRecords = new ArrayList<Record>();
   for (SyncConflict conflict : conflicts) {
        /* resolved by taking remote records */
       resolvedRecords.add(conflict.resolveWithRemoteRecord());
        /* alternately take the local records */
        // resolvedRecords.add(conflict.resolveWithLocalRecord());
        /* or customer logic, say concatenate strings */
        // String newValue = conflict.getRemoteRecord().getValue()
               + conflict.getLocalRecord().getValue();
        // resolvedRecords.add(conflict.resolveWithValue(newValue);
    dataset.resolve(resolvedRecords);
    // return true so that synchronize() is retried after conflicts are resolved
    return true;
}
```

#### onDatasetDeleted

When a dataset is deleted, the Amazon Cognito client uses the SyncCallback interface to confirm whether the local cached copy of the dataset should be deleted too. Implement the onDatasetDeleted() method to tell the client SDK what to do with the local data.

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```
@Override
public boolean onDatasetDeleted(Dataset dataset, String datasetName) {
    // return true to delete the local copy of the dataset
    return true;
}
```

#### onDatasetMerged

When two previously unconnected identities are linked together, all of their datasets are merged. Applications are notified of the merge through the onDatasetsMerged() method:

```
@Override
public boolean onDatasetsMerged(Dataset dataset, List<String> datasetNames) {
    // return false to handle Dataset merge outside the synchronization callback
    return false;
}
```

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#### **Sync Notifications**

The Amazon Cognito client will emit a number of NSNotification events during a synchronize call. You can register to monitor these notifications via the standard NSNotificationCenter:

```
[NSNotificationCenter defaultCenter]
  addObserver:self
  selector:@selector(myNotificationHandler:)
  name:NOTIFICATION_TYPE
  object:nil];
```

Amazon Cognito supports five notification types, listed below.

#### AWSCognitoDidStartSynchronizeNotification

Called when a synchronize operation is starting. The userInfo will contain the key dataset which is the name of the dataset being synchronized.

#### AWSCognitoDidEndSynchronizeNotification

Called when a synchronize operation completes (successfully or otherwise). The userInfo will contain the key dataset which is the name of the dataset being synchronized.

#### AWSCognitoDidFailToSynchronizeNotification

Called when a synchronize operation fails. The userInfo will contain the key dataset which is the name of the dataset being synchronized and the key error which will contain the error that caused the failure.

#### AWSCognitoDidChangeRemoteValueNotification

Called when local changes are successfully pushed to Amazon Cognito. The userInfo will contain the key dataset which is the name of the dataset being synchronized and the key keys which will contain an NSArray of record keys that were pushed.

#### AWSCognitoDidChangeLocalValueFromRemoteNotification

Called when a local value changes due to a synchronize operation. The userInfo will contain the key dataset which is the name of the dataset being synchronized and the key keys which will contain an NSArray of record keys that changed.

#### **Conflict Resolution Handler**

During a sync operation, conflicts may arise if the same key has been modified on the local store and in the sync store. If you haven't set a conflict resolution handler, Amazon Cognito defaults to choosing the most recent update.

By implementing and assigning an AWSCognitoRecordConflictHandler you can alter the default conflict resolution. The AWSCognitoConflict input parameter conflict contains an AWSCognitoRecord object for both the local cached data and for the conflicting record in the sync store. Using the AWSCognitoConflict you can resolve the conflict with the local record: [conflict resolveWithLocalRecord], the remote record: [conflict resolveWithRemoteRecord] or a brand new value: [conflict resolveWithValue:value]. Returning nil from this method prevents synchronization from continuing and the conflicts will be presented again the next time the sync process starts.

You can set the conflict resolution handler at the client level:

```
client.conflictHandler = ^AWSCognitoResolvedConflict* (NSString *datasetName,
    AWSCognitoConflict *conflict) {
      // always choose local changes
      return [conflict resolveWithLocalRecord];
};
```

#### Or at the dataset level:

```
dataset.conflictHandler = ^AWSCognitoResolvedConflict* (NSString *datasetName,
   AWSCognitoConflict *conflict) {
    // override and always choose remote changes
    return [conflict resolveWithRemoteRecord];
};
```

#### **Dataset Deleted Handler**

When a dataset is deleted, the Amazon Cognito client uses the AWSCognitoDatasetDeletedHandler to confirm whether the local cached copy of the dataset should be deleted too. If no AWSCognitoDatasetDeletedHandler is implemented, the local data will be purged automatically. Implement an AWSCognitoDatasetDeletedHandler if you wish to keep a copy of the local data before wiping, or to keep the local data.

You can set the dataset deleted handler at the client level:

```
client.datasetDeletedHandler = ^BOOL (NSString *datasetName) {
    // make a backup of the data if you choose
    ...
    // delete the local data (default behavior)
    return YES;
};
```

#### Or at the dataset level:

```
dataset.datasetDeletedHandler = ^BOOL (NSString *datasetName) {
    // override default and keep the local data
    return NO;
};
```

#### **Dataset Merge Handler**

When two previously unconnected identities are linked together, all of their datasets are merged. Applications are notified of the merge through the DatasetMergeHandler. The handler will receive

the name of the root dataset as well as an array of dataset names that are marked as merges of the root dataset.

If no DatasetMergeHandler is implemented, these datasets will be ignored, but will continue to use up space in the identity's 20 maximum total datasets.

You can set the dataset merge handler at the client level:

```
client.datasetMergedHandler = ^(NSString *datasetName, NSArray *datasets) {
    // Blindly delete the datasets
    for (NSString *name in datasets) {
        AWSCognitoDataset *merged = [[AWSCognito defaultCognito] openOrCreateDataset:name];
        [merged clear];
        [merged synchronize];
    }
};
```

#### Or at the dataset level:

```
dataset.datasetMergedHandler = ^(NSString *datasetName, NSArray *datasets) {
    // Blindly delete the datasets
    for (NSString *name in datasets) {
        AWSCognitoDataset *merged = [[AWSCognito defaultCognito] openOrCreateDataset:name];
        // do something with the data if it differs from existing dataset
        ...
        // now delete it
        [merged clear];
        [merged synchronize];
    }
};
```

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#### **Sync Notifications**

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Called when a synchronize operation fails. The userInfo will contain the key dataset which is the name of the dataset being synchronized and the key error which will contain the error that caused the failure.

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#### AWS Cognito Did Change Local Value From Remote Notification

Called when a local value changes due to a synchronize operation. The userInfo will contain the key dataset which is the name of the dataset being synchronized and the key keys which will contain an NSArray of record keys that changed.

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You can set the conflict resolution handler at the client level:

```
client.conflictHandler = {
    (datasetName: String?, conflict: AWSCognitoConflict?) -> AWSCognitoResolvedConflict? in
    return conflict.resolveWithLocalRecord()
}
```

#### Or at the dataset level:

```
dataset.conflictHandler = {
    (datasetName: String?, conflict: AWSCognitoConflict?) -> AWSCognitoResolvedConflict? in
    return conflict.resolveWithLocalRecord()
}
```

#### **Dataset Deleted Handler**

When a dataset is deleted, the Amazon Cognito client uses the AWSCognitoDatasetDeletedHandler to confirm whether the local cached copy of the dataset should be deleted too. If no AWSCognitoDatasetDeletedHandler is implemented, the local data will be purged automatically. Implement an AWSCognitoDatasetDeletedHandler if you wish to keep a copy of the local data before wiping, or to keep the local data.

You can set the dataset deleted handler at the client level:

```
client.datasetDeletedHandler = {
    (datasetName: String!) -> Bool in
    // make a backup of the data if you choose
    ...
    // delete the local data (default behaviour)
    return true
}
```

Or at the dataset level:

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```
dataset.datasetDeletedHandler = {
     (datasetName: String!) -> Bool in
     // make a backup of the data if you choose
     ...
     // delete the local data (default behaviour)
     return true
}
```

#### **Dataset Merge Handler**

When two previously unconnected identities are linked together, all of their datasets are merged. Applications are notified of the merge through the <code>DatasetMergeHandler</code>. The handler will receive the name of the root dataset as well as an array of dataset names that are marked as merges of the root dataset.

If no DatasetMergeHandler is implemented, these datasets will be ignored, but will continue to use up space in the identity's 20 maximum total datasets.

You can set the dataset merge handler at the client level:

Or at the dataset level:

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#### **Synchronization Callbacks**

When performing a synchronize() on a dataset, you can optionally specify callbacks to handle each of the following states:

```
dataset.synchronize({
   onSuccess: function(dataset, newRecords) {
      //...
},
```

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```
onFailure: function(err) {
    //...
},

onConflict: function(dataset, conflicts, callback) {
    //...
},

onDatasetDeleted: function(dataset, datasetName, callback) {
    //...
},

onDatasetMerged: function(dataset, datasetNames, callback) {
    //...
}
```

#### onSuccess()

The onSuccess() callback is triggered when a dataset is successfully updated from the sync store. If you do not define a callback, the synchronization will succeed silently.

```
onSuccess: function(dataset, newRecords) {
  console.log('Successfully synchronized ' + newRecords.length + ' new records.');
}
```

#### onFailure()

onFailure() is called if an exception occurs during synchronization. If you do not define a callback, the synchronization will fail silently.

```
onFailure: function(err) {
  console.log('Synchronization failed.');
  console.log(err);
}
```

#### onConflict()

Conflicts may arise if the same key has been modified on the local store and in the sync store. The onConflict() method handles conflict resolution. If you don't implement this method, the synchronization will be aborted when there is a conflict.

```
onConflict: function(dataset, conflicts, callback) {
  var resolved = [];
  for (var i=0; i<conflicts.length; i++) {
    // Take remote version.
    resolved.push(conflicts[i].resolveWithRemoteRecord());

    // Or... take local version.
    // resolved.push(conflicts[i].resolveWithLocalRecord());

    // Or... use custom logic.
    // var newValue = conflicts[i].getRemoteRecord().getValue() +
    conflicts[i].getLocalRecord().getValue();
    // resolved.push(conflicts[i].resovleWithValue(newValue);</pre>
```

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```
dataset.resolve(resolved, function() {
    return callback(true);
});

// Or... callback false to stop the synchronization process.
// return callback(false);
}
```

#### onDatasetDeleted()

When a dataset is deleted, the Amazon Cognito client uses the onDatasetDeleted() callback to decide whether the local cached copy of the dataset should be deleted too. By default, the dataset will not be deleted.

```
onDatasetDeleted: function(dataset, datasetName, callback) {
    // Return true to delete the local copy of the dataset.
    // Return false to handle deleted datasets outside the synchronization callback.
    return callback(true);
}
```

#### onDatasetMerged()

When two previously unconnected identities are linked together, all of their datasets are merged. Applications are notified of the merge through the onDatasetsMerged() callback.

```
onDatasetMerged: function(dataset, datasetNames, callback) {
    // Return true to continue the synchronization process.
    // Return false to handle dataset merges outside the synchronization callback.
    return callback(false);
}
```

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After you open or create a dataset, you can set different callbacks to it that will be triggered when you use the Synchronize method. This is the way to register your callbacks to them:

```
dataset.OnSyncSuccess += this.HandleSyncSuccess;
dataset.OnSyncFailure += this.HandleSyncFailure;
dataset.OnSyncConflict = this.HandleSyncConflict;
dataset.OnDatasetMerged = this.HandleDatasetMerged;
dataset.OnDatasetDeleted = this.HandleDatasetDeleted;
```

Note that SyncSuccess and SyncFailure use += instead of = so you can subscribe more than one callback to them.

#### OnSyncSuccess

The OnSyncSuccess callback is triggered when a dataset is successfully updated from the cloud. If you do not define a callback, the synchronization will succeed silently.

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```
private void HandleSyncSuccess(object sender, SyncSuccessEvent e)
{
    // Continue with your game flow, display the loaded data, etc.
}
```

#### OnSyncFailure

OnSyncFailure is called if an exception occurs during synchronization. If you do not define a callback, the synchronization will fail silently.

```
private void HandleSyncFailure(object sender, SyncFailureEvent e)
{
    Dataset dataset = sender as Dataset;
    if (dataset.Metadata != null) {
        Debug.Log("Sync failed for dataset : " + dataset.Metadata.DatasetName);
    } else {
        Debug.Log("Sync failed");
    }
    // Handle the error
    Debug.LogException(e.Exception);
}
```

#### OnSyncConflict

Conflicts may arise if the same key has been modified on the local store and in the sync store. The OnSyncConflict callback handles conflict resolution. If you don't implement this method, the synchronization will be aborted when there is a conflict.

```
private bool HandleSyncConflict(Dataset dataset, List < SyncConflict > conflicts)
 if (dataset.Metadata != null) {
   Debug.LogWarning("Sync conflict " + dataset.Metadata.DatasetName);
  } else {
   Debug.LogWarning("Sync conflict");
 List < Amazon.CognitoSync.SyncManager.Record > resolvedRecords = new List <
Amazon.CognitoSync.SyncManager.Record > ();
  foreach(SyncConflict conflictRecord in conflicts) {
    // SyncManager provides the following default conflict resolution methods:
   //
            ResolveWithRemoteRecord - overwrites the local with remote records
   //
            ResolveWithLocalRecord - overwrites the remote with local records
            ResolveWithValue - to implement your own logic
   //
   resolvedRecords.Add(conflictRecord.ResolveWithRemoteRecord());
  // resolves the conflicts in local storage
 dataset.Resolve(resolvedRecords);
  // on return true the synchronize operation continues where it left,
         returning false cancels the synchronize operation
  //
 return true;
}
```

#### **OnDatasetDeleted**

When a dataset is deleted, the Amazon Cognito client uses the OnDatasetDeleted callback to decide whether the local cached copy of the dataset should be deleted too. By default, the dataset will not be deleted.

```
private bool HandleDatasetDeleted(Dataset dataset)
{
    Debug.Log(dataset.Metadata.DatasetName + " Dataset has been deleted");
    // Do clean up if necessary
```

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```
// returning true informs the corresponding dataset can be purged in the local
storage and return false retains the local dataset
   return true;
}
```

#### OnDatasetMerged

When two previously unconnected identities are linked together, all of their datasets are merged. Applications are notified of the merge through the OnDatasetsMerged callback.

```
public bool HandleDatasetMerged(Dataset localDataset, List<string> mergedDatasetNames)
   foreach (string name in mergedDatasetNames)
       Dataset mergedDataset = syncManager.OpenOrCreateDataset(name);
       //Lambda function to delete the dataset after fetching it
       EventHandler<SyncSuccessEvent> lambda;
        lambda = (object sender, SyncSuccessEvent e) => {
            ICollection<string> existingValues = localDataset.GetAll().Values;
            ICollection<string> newValues = mergedDataset.GetAll().Values;
            //Implement your merge logic here
           mergedDataset.Delete(); //Delete the dataset locally
           mergedDataset.OnSyncSuccess -= lambda; //We don't want this callback to be
fired again
            mergedDataset.OnSyncSuccess += (object s2, SyncSuccessEvent e2) => {
               localDataset.Synchronize(); //Continue the sync operation that was
interrupted by the merge
            mergedDataset.Synchronize(); //Synchronize it as deleted, failing to do so will
leave us in an inconsistent state
       mergedDataset.OnSyncSuccess += lambda;
       mergedDataset.Synchronize(); //Asnchronously fetch the dataset
   // returning true allows the Synchronize to continue and false stops it
   return false:
}
```

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After you open or create a dataset, you can set different callbacks to it that will be triggered when you use the Synchronize method. This is the way to register your callbacks to them:

```
dataset.OnSyncSuccess += this.HandleSyncSuccess;
dataset.OnSyncFailure += this.HandleSyncFailure;
dataset.OnSyncConflict = this.HandleSyncConflict;
dataset.OnDatasetMerged = this.HandleDatasetMerged;
dataset.OnDatasetDeleted = this.HandleDatasetDeleted;
```

Note that SyncSuccess and SyncFailure use += instead of = so you can subscribe more than one callback to them.

#### OnSyncSuccess

The OnSyncSuccess callback is triggered when a dataset is successfully updated from the cloud. If you do not define a callback, the synchronization will succeed silently.

```
private void HandleSyncSuccess(object sender, SyncSuccessEventArgs e)
```

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```
{
    // Continue with your game flow, display the loaded data, etc.
}
```

#### OnSyncFailure

OnSyncFailure is called if an exception occurs during synchronization. If you do not define a callback, the synchronization will fail silently.

```
private void HandleSyncFailure(object sender, SyncFailureEventArgs e)
{
    Dataset dataset = sender as Dataset;
    if (dataset.Metadata != null) {
        Console.WriteLine("Sync failed for dataset : " + dataset.Metadata.DatasetName);
    } else {
        Console.WriteLine("Sync failed");
    }
}
```

#### OnSyncConflict

Conflicts may arise if the same key has been modified on the local store and in the sync store. The OnSyncConflict callback handles conflict resolution. If you don't implement this method, the synchronization will be aborted when there is a conflict.

```
private bool HandleSyncConflict(Dataset dataset, List < SyncConflict > conflicts)
{
 if (dataset.Metadata != null) {
   Console.WriteLine("Sync conflict " + dataset.Metadata.DatasetName);
    Console.WriteLine("Sync conflict");
 List < Amazon.CognitoSync.SyncManager.Record > resolvedRecords = new List <
Amazon.CognitoSync.SyncManager.Record > ();
  foreach(SyncConflict conflictRecord in conflicts) {
    // SyncManager provides the following default conflict resolution methods:
            ResolveWithRemoteRecord - overwrites the local with remote records
    //
            ResolveWithLocalRecord - overwrites the remote with local records
   //
           ResolveWithValue - to implement your own logic
   resolvedRecords.Add(conflictRecord.ResolveWithRemoteRecord());
  // resolves the conflicts in local storage
 dataset.Resolve(resolvedRecords);
 // on return true the synchronize operation continues where it left,
         returning false cancels the synchronize operation
 return true;
```

#### **OnDatasetDeleted**

When a dataset is deleted, the Amazon Cognito client uses the OnDatasetDeleted callback to decide whether the local cached copy of the dataset should be deleted too. By default, the dataset will not be deleted.

```
private bool HandleDatasetDeleted(Dataset dataset)
{
     Console.WriteLine(dataset.Metadata.DatasetName + " Dataset has been deleted");
    // Do clean up if necessary
     // returning true informs the corresponding dataset can be purged in the local storage
and return false retains the local dataset
    return true;
```

}

#### OnDatasetMerged

When two previously unconnected identities are linked together, all of their datasets are merged. Applications are notified of the merge through the OnDatasetsMerged callback.

```
public bool HandleDatasetMerged(Dataset localDataset, List<string> mergedDatasetNames)
{
    foreach (string name in mergedDatasetNames)
    {
        Dataset mergedDataset = syncManager.OpenOrCreateDataset(name);
        //Implement your merge logic here
        mergedDataset.OnSyncSuccess += lambda;
        mergedDataset.SynchronizeAsync(); //Asnchronously fetch the dataset
}

// returning true allows the Synchronize to continue and false stops it
    return false;
}
```

## **Push Sync**

#### Note

If you're new to Amazon Cognito Sync, use AWS AppSync. Like Amazon Cognito Sync, AWS AppSync is a service for synchronizing application data across devices.

It enables user data like app preferences or game state to be synchronized. It also extends these capabilities by allowing multiple users to synchronize and collaborate in real time on shared data.

Amazon Cognito automatically tracks the association between identity and devices. Using the push synchronization, or push sync, feature, you can ensure that every instance of a given identity is notified when identity data changes. Push sync ensures that, whenever the sync store data changes for a particular identity, all devices associated with that identity receive a silent push notification informing them of the change.

#### Note

Push sync is not supported for JavaScript, Unity, or Xamarin.

Before you can use push sync, you must first set up your account for push sync and enable push sync in the Amazon Cognito console.

# Create an Amazon Simple Notification Service (Amazon SNS) App

Create and configure an Amazon SNS app for your supported platforms, as described in the SNS Developer Guide.

## Enable Push Sync in the Amazon Cognito console

You can enable push sync via the Amazon Cognito console. From the console home page:

- 1. Click the name of the identity pool for which you want to enable push sync. The **Dashboard** page for your identity pool appears.
- 2. In the top-right corner of the **Dashboard** page, click **Manage Identity Pools**. The **Federated Identities** page appears.
- Scroll down and click Push synchronization to expand it.
- 4. In the **Service role** dropdown menu, select the IAM role that grants Cognito permission to send an SNS notification. Click **Create role** to create or modify the roles associated with your identity pool in the AWS IAM Console.
- 5. Select a platform application, and then click Save Changes.
- 6. Grant SNS Access to Your Application

In the IAM console, configure your IAM roles to have full SNS access, or create a new role that trusts cognito-sync and has full SNS access. To learn more about IAM roles, see Roles (Delegation and Federation).

## Use Push Sync in Your App: Android

Your application will need to import the Google Play services. You can download the latest version of the Google Play SDK via the Android SDK manager. Follow the Android documentation on implementing a GCM client to register your app and receive a registration ID from GCM. Once you have the registration ID, you need to register the device with Amazon Cognito, as shown in the snippet below:

```
String registrationId = "MY_GCM_REGISTRATION_ID";
try {
    client.registerDevice("GCM", registrationId);
} catch (RegistrationFailedException rfe) {
    Log.e(TAG, "Failed to register device for silent sync", rfe);
} catch (AmazonClientException ace) {
    Log.e(TAG, "An unknown error caused registration for silent sync to fail", ace);
}
```

You can now subscribe a device to receive updates from a particular dataset:

```
Dataset trackedDataset = client.openOrCreateDataset("myDataset");
if (client.isDeviceRegistered()) {
    try {
        trackedDataset.subscribe();
    } catch (SubscribeFailedException sfe) {
        Log.e(TAG, "Failed to subscribe to datasets", sfe);
    } catch (AmazonClientException ace) {
        Log.e(TAG, "An unknown error caused the subscription to fail", ace);
    }
}
```

To stop receiving push notifications from a dataset, simply call the unsubscribe method. To subscribe to all datasets (or a specific subset) in the CognitoSyncManager object, use subscribeAll():

```
if (client.isDeviceRegistered()) {
    try {
        client.subscribeAll();
    } catch (SubscribeFailedException sfe) {
        Log.e(TAG, "Failed to subscribe to datasets", sfe);
    } catch (AmazonClientException ace) {
        Log.e(TAG, "An unknown error caused the subscription to fail", ace);
    }
}
```

In your implementation of the Android BroadcastReceiver object, you can check the latest version of the modified dataset and decide if your app needs to synchronize again:

```
@Override
public void onReceive(Context context, Intent intent) {
    PushSyncUpdate update = client.getPushSyncUpdate(intent);
    // The update has the source (cognito-sync here), identityId of the
    // user, identityPoolId in question, the non-local sync count of the
    // data set and the name of the dataset. All are accessible through
    // relevant getters.
    String source = update.getSource();
    String identityPoolId = update.getIdentityPoolId();
    String identityId = update.getIdentityId();
    String datasetName = update.getDatasetName;
    long syncCount = update.getSyncCount;
    Dataset dataset = client.openOrCreateDataset(datasetName);
    // need to access last sync count. If sync count is less or equal to
    // last sync count of the dataset, no sync is required.
    long lastSyncCount = dataset.getLastSyncCount();
    if (lastSyncCount < syncCount) {</pre>
        dataset.synchronize(new SyncCallback() {
            // ...
        });
}
```

The following keys are available in the push notification payload:

- source: cognito-sync. This can serve as a differentiating factor between notifications.
- identityPoolId: The identity pool ID. This can be used for validation or additional information, though it's not integral from the receiver's point of view.
- identityId: The identity ID within the pool.
- datasetName: The name of the dataset that was updated. This is available for the sake of the openOrCreateDataset call.
- syncCount: The sync count for the remote dataset. You can use this as a way to make sure that the local dataset is out of date, and that the incoming synchronization is new.

## Use Push Sync in Your App: iOS - Objective-C

To obtain a device token for your app, follow the Apple documentation on Registering for Remote Notifications. Once you've received the device token as an NSData object from APNs, you'll need to register the device with Amazon Cognito using the registerDevice: method of the sync client, as shown below:

```
AWSCognito *syncClient = [AWSCognito defaultCognito];
    [[syncClient registerDevice: devToken] continueWithBlock:^id(AWSTask *task) {
        if(task.error){
            NSLog(@"Unable to registerDevice: %@", task.error);
        } else {
            NSLog(@"Successfully registered device with id: %@", task.result);
        }
        return nil;
```

```
}
];
```

In debug mode, your device will register with the APNs sandbox; in release mode, it will register with APNs. To receive updates from a particular dataset, use the subscribe method:

```
[[[syncClient openOrCreateDataset:@"MyDataset"] subscribe] continueWithBlock:^id(AWSTask
  *task) {
    if(task.error){
        NSLog(@"Unable to subscribe to dataset: %@", task.error);
    } else {
        NSLog(@"Successfully subscribed to dataset: %@", task.result);
    }
    return nil;
    }
];
```

To stop receiving push notifications from a dataset, simply call the unsubscribe method:

```
[[[syncClient openOrCreateDataset:@"MyDataset"] unsubscribe] continueWithBlock:^id(AWSTask
*task) {
    if(task.error){
        NSLog(@"Unable to unsubscribe from dataset: %@", task.error);
    } else {
        NSLog(@"Successfully unsubscribed from dataset: %@", task.result);
    }
    return nil;
}
];
```

To subscribe to all datasets in the AWSCognito object, call subscribeAll:

```
[[syncClient subscribeAll] continueWithBlock:^id(AWSTask *task) {
    if(task.error){
        NSLog(@"Unable to subscribe to all datasets: %@", task.error);
    } else {
        NSLog(@"Successfully subscribed to all datasets: %@", task.result);
    }
    return nil;
    }
];
```

Before calling subscribeAll, be sure to synchronize at least once on each dataset, so that the datasets exist on the server.

To react to push notifications, you need to implement the didReceiveRemoteNotification method in your app delegate:

```
- (void)application:(UIApplication *)application didReceiveRemoteNotification:(NSDictionary
*)userInfo
{
     [[NSNotificationCenter defaultCenter]
postNotificationName:@"CognitoPushNotification" object:userInfo];
}
```

If you post a notification using notification handler, you can then respond to the notification elsewhere in the application where you have a handle to your dataset. If you subscribe to the notification like this ...

```
[[NSNotificationCenter defaultCenter] addObserver:self
selector:@selector(didReceivePushSync:)
```

```
name: :@"CognitoPushNotification" object:nil];
```

...you can act on the notification like this:

The following keys are available in the push notification payload:

- source: cognito-sync. This can serve as a differentiating factor between notifications.
- identityPoolId: The identity pool ID. This can be used for validation or additional information, though it's not integral from the receiver's point of view.
- identityId: The identity ID within the pool.
- datasetName: The name of the dataset that was updated. This is available for the sake of the openOrCreateDataset call.
- syncCount: The sync count for the remote dataset. You can use this as a way to make sure that the local dataset is out of date, and that the incoming synchronization is new.

## Use Push Sync in Your App: iOS - Swift

To obtain a device token for your app, follow the Apple documentation on Registering for Remote Notifications. Once you've received the device token as an NSData object from APNs, you'll need to register the device with Amazon Cognito using the registerDevice: method of the sync client, as shown below:

```
let syncClient = AWSCognito.default()
syncClient.registerDevice(devToken).continueWith(block: { (task: AWSTask!) -> AnyObject! in
    if (task.error != nil) {
        print("Unable to register device: " + task.error.localizedDescription)

    } else {
        print("Successfully registered device with id: \((task.result))")
    }
    return task
})
```

In debug mode, your device will register with the APNs sandbox; in release mode, it will register with APNs. To receive updates from a particular dataset, use the subscribe method:

```
syncClient.openOrCreateDataset("MyDataset").subscribe().continueWith(block: { (task:
   AWSTask!) -> AnyObject! in
   if (task.error != nil) {
      print("Unable to subscribe to dataset: " + task.error.localizedDescription)
```

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```
} else {
    print("Successfully subscribed to dataset: \((task.result)"))
}
return task
})
```

To stop receiving push notifications from a dataset, call the unsubscribe method:

```
syncClient.openOrCreateDataset("MyDataset").unsubscribe().continueWith(block: { (task:
   AWSTask!) -> AnyObject! in
   if (task.error != nil) {
      print("Unable to unsubscribe to dataset: " + task.error.localizedDescription)
   } else {
      print("Successfully unsubscribed to dataset: \((task.result)\)")
   }
   return task
})
```

To subscribe to all datasets in the AWSCognito object, call subscribeAll:

```
syncClient.openOrCreateDataset("MyDataset").subscribeAll().continueWith(block: { (task:
   AWSTask!) -> AnyObject! in
   if (task.error != nil) {
      print("Unable to subscribe to all datasets: " + task.error.localizedDescription)

} else {
      print("Successfully subscribed to all datasets: \((task.result)\)")
}
return task
})
```

Before calling subscribeAll, be sure to synchronize at least once on each dataset, so that the datasets exist on the server.

To react to push notifications, you need to implement the didReceiveRemoteNotification method in your app delegate:

```
func application(application: UIApplication, didReceiveRemoteNotification userInfo:
  [NSObject : AnyObject],
  fetchCompletionHandler completionHandler: (UIBackgroundFetchResult) -> Void) {
    NSNotificationCenter.defaultCenter().postNotificationName("CognitoPushNotification",
    object: userInfo)
})
```

If you post a notification using notification handler, you can then respond to the notification elsewhere in the application where you have a handle to your dataset. If you subscribe to the notification like this ...

```
NSNotificationCenter.defaultCenter().addObserver(observer:self,
    selector:"didReceivePushSync:",
    name:"CognitoPushNotification",
    object:nil)
```

...you can act on the notification like this:

```
func didReceivePushSync(notification: NSNotification) {
   if let data = (notification.object as! [String: AnyObject])["data"] as? [String:
AnyObject] {
```

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```
let identityId = data["identityId"] as! String
let datasetName = data["datasetName"] as! String

if self.dataset.name == datasetName && self.identityId == identityId {
    dataset.synchronize().continueWithBlock {(task) -> AnyObject! in
        if task.error == nil {
        print("Successfully synced dataset")
        }
        return nil
    }
}
```

The following keys are available in the push notification payload:

- source: cognito-sync. This can serve as a differentiating factor between notifications.
- identityPoolId: The identity pool ID. This can be used for validation or additional information, though it's not integral from the receiver's point of view.
- identityId: The identity ID within the pool.
- datasetName: The name of the dataset that was updated. This is available for the sake of the openOrCreateDataset call.
- syncCount: The sync count for the remote dataset. You can use this as a way to make sure that the local dataset is out of date, and that the incoming synchronization is new.

## **Amazon Cognito Streams**

#### Note

If you're new to Amazon Cognito Sync, use AWS AppSync. Like Amazon Cognito Sync, AWS AppSync is a service for synchronizing application data across devices.

It enables user data like app preferences or game state to be synchronized. It also extends these capabilities by allowing multiple users to synchronize and collaborate in real time on shared data.

Amazon Cognito Streams gives developers control and insight into their data stored in Amazon Cognito. Developers can now configure a Kinesis stream to receive events as data is updated and synchronized. Amazon Cognito can push each dataset change to a Kinesis stream you own in real time.

Using Amazon Cognito Streams, you can move all of your Sync data to Kinesis, which can then be streamed to a data warehouse tool such as Amazon Redshift for further analysis. To learn more about Kinesis, see Getting Started Using Amazon Kinesis.

#### **Configuring Streams**

You can set up Amazon Cognito Streams in the Amazon Cognito console. To enable Amazon Cognito Streams in the Amazon Cognito console, you need to select the Kinesis stream to publish to and an IAM role that grants Amazon Cognito permission to put events in the selected stream.

From the console home page:

- 1. Click the name of the identity pool for which you want to set up Amazon Cognito Streams. The **Dashboard** page for your identity pool appears.
- 2. In the top-right corner of the **Dashboard** page, click **Manage Identity Pools**. The Manage Federated Identities page appears.

- 3. Scroll down and click Cognito Streams to expand it.
- 4. In the **Stream name** dropdown menu, select the name of an existing Kinesis stream. Alternatively, click **Create stream** to create one, entering a stream name and the number of shards. To learn about shards and for help on estimating the number of shards needed for your stream, see the Kinesis Developer Guide.
- 5. In the **Publish role** dropdown menu, select the IAM role that grants Amazon Cognito permission to publish your stream. Click **Create role** to create or modify the roles associated with your identity pool in the AWS IAM Console.
- 6. In the **Stream status** dropdown menu, select **Enabled** to enable the stream updates. Click **Save Changes**.

After you've successfully configured Amazon Cognito streams, all subsequent updates to datasets in this identity pool will be sent to the stream.

#### **Stream Contents**

Each record sent to the stream represents a single synchronization. Here is an example of a record sent to the stream:

```
"identityPoolId": "Pool Id",
    "identityId": "Identity Id",
    "dataSetName": "Dataset Name"
    "operation": "(replace|remove)",
    "kinesisSyncRecords": [
        {
            "key": "Key",
            "value": "Value",
            "syncCount": 1,
            "lastModifiedDate": 1424801824343,
            "deviceLastModifiedDate": 1424801824343,
            "op": "(replace|remove)"
       },
    ],
    "lastModifiedDate": 1424801824343,
    "kinesisSyncRecordsURL": "S3Url",
    "payloadType": "(S3Url|Inline)",
    "syncCount": 1
}
```

For updates that are larger than the Kinesis maximum payload size of 50 KB, a presigned Amazon S3 URL will be included that contains the full contents of the update.

After you have configured Amazon Cognito streams, if you delete the Kinesis stream or change the role trust permission so that it can no longer be assumed by Amazon Cognito Sync, Amazon Cognito streams will be disabled. You will need to either recreate the Kinesis stream or fix the role, and then you will need to reenable the stream.

#### **Bulk Publishing**

Once you have configured Amazon Cognito streams, you will be able to execute a bulk publish operation for the existing data in your identity pool. After you initiate a bulk publish operation, either via the console or directly via the API, Amazon Cognito will start publishing this data to the same stream that is receiving your updates.

Amazon Cognito does not guarantee uniqueness of data sent to the stream when using the bulk publish operation. You may receive the same update both as an update as well as part of a bulk publish. Keep this in mind when processing the records from your stream.

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To bulk publish all of your streams, follow steps 1-6 under Configuring Streams and then click Start bulk publish. You are limited to one ongoing bulk publish operation at any given time and to one successful bulk publish request every 24 hours.

## **Amazon Cognito Events**

#### Note

If you're new to Amazon Cognito Sync, use AWS AppSync. Like Amazon Cognito Sync, AWS AppSync is a service for synchronizing application data across devices.

It enables user data like app preferences or game state to be synchronized. It also extends these capabilities by allowing multiple users to synchronize and collaborate in real time on shared data.

Amazon Cognito Events allows you to execute an AWS Lambda function in response to important events in Amazon Cognito. Amazon Cognito raises the Sync Trigger event when a dataset is synchronized. You can use the Sync Trigger event to take an action when a user updates data. The function can evaluate and optionally manipulate the data before it is stored in the cloud and synchronized to the user's other devices. This is useful to validate data coming from the device before it is synchronized to the user's other devices, or to update other values in the dataset based on incoming data such as issuing an award when a player reaches a new level.

The steps below will guide you through setting up a Lambda function that executes each time a Amazon Cognito Dataset is synchronized.

#### Note

When using Amazon Cognito events, you can only use the credentials obtained from Amazon Cognito Identity. If you have an associated Lambda function, but you call UpdateRecords with AWS account credentials (developer credentials), your Lambda function will not be invoked.

#### Creating a Function in AWS Lambda

To integrate Lambda with Amazon Cognito, you first need to create a function in Lambda. To do so:

#### Selecting the Lambda Function in Amazon Cognito

- 1. Open the Lambda console.
- 2. Click Create a Lambda function.
- 3. On the Select blueprint screen, search for and select "cognito-sync-trigger."
- 4. On the Configure event sources screen, leave the Event source type set to "Cognito Sync Trigger" and select your identity pool. Click Next.
- 5. On the Configure function screen, enter a name and description for your function. Leave Runtime set to "Node.js." Leave the code unchanged for our example. The default example makes no changes to the data being synced. It only logs the fact that the Amazon Cognito Sync Trigger event occurred. Leave Handler name set to "index.handler." For Role, select an IAM role that grants your code permission to access AWS Lambda. To modify roles, see the IAM console. Leave Advanced settings unchanged. Click Next.
- 6. On the Review screen, review the details and click Create function. The next page displays your new Lambda function.

Now that you have an appropriate function written in Lambda, you need to choose that function as the handler for the Amazon Cognito Sync Trigger event. The steps below walk you through this process.

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From the console home page:

- 1. Click the name of the identity pool for which you want to set up Amazon Cognito Events. The Dashboard page for your identity pool appears.
- 2. In the top-right corner of the Dashboard page, click Manage Federated Identities. The Manage Federated Identities page appears.
- 3. Scroll down and click Cognito Events to expand it.
- 4. In the Sync Trigger dropdown menu, select the Lambda function that you want to trigger when a Sync event occurs.
- 5. Click Save Changes.

Now, your Lambda function will be executed each time a dataset is synchronized. The next section explains how you can read and modify the data in your function as it is being synchronized.

#### Writing a Lambda Function for Sync Triggers

Sync triggers follow the service provider interface programming paradigm. Amazon Cognito will provide input in the following JSON format to your Lambda function.

```
"version": 2,
  "eventType": "SyncTrigger",
  "region": "us-east-1",
  "identityPoolId": "identityPoolId",
  "identityId": "identityId",
  "datasetName": "datasetName",
  "datasetRecords": {
    "SampleKey1": {
      "oldValue": "oldValue1",
      "newValue": "newValue1",
      "op": "replace"
    "SampleKey2": {
      "oldValue": "oldValue2",
      "newValue": "newValue2",
      "op": "replace"
    },..
 }
}
```

Amazon Cognito expects the return value of the function in the same format as the input. A complete example is provided below.

Some key points to keep in mind when writing functions for the Sync Trigger event:

- When your Lambda function is invoked during UpdateRecords, it must respond within 5 seconds. If it does not, the Amazon Cognito Sync service throws a LambdaSocketTimeoutException exception. It is not possible to increase this timeout value.
- If you get a LambdaThrottledException exception, you should retry the sync operation (update records).
- Amazon Cognito will provide all the records present in the dataset as input to the function.
- Records updated by the app user will have the 'op' field set as "replace" and the records deleted will have 'op' field as "remove".
- You can modify any record, even if it is not updated by the app user.
- All the fields except the datasetRecords are read only and should not be changed. Changing these fields will result in a failure to update the records.
- To modify the value of a record, simply update the value and set the 'op' to "replace".

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- To remove a record, either set the 'op' to remove or set the value to null.
- To add a record, simply add a new record to the datasetRecords array.
- Any omitted record in the response will be ignored for the update.

#### Sample Lambda Function

Here is a sample Lambda function showing how to access, modify and remove the data.

```
console.log('Loading function');
exports.handler = function(event, context) {
   console.log(JSON.stringify(event, null, 2));
   //Check for the event type
   if (event.eventType === 'SyncTrigger') {
        //Modify value for a key
       if('SampleKey1' in event.datasetRecords){
            event.datasetRecords.SampleKey1.newValue = 'ModifyValue1';
            event.datasetRecords.SampleKey1.op = 'replace';
       }
       //Remove a key
       if('SampleKey2' in event.datasetRecords){
            event.datasetRecords.SampleKey2.op = 'remove';
       //Add a key
       if(!('SampleKey3' in event.datasetRecords)){
            event.datasetRecords.SampleKey3={'newValue':'ModifyValue3', 'op' : 'replace'};
   context.done(null, event);
};
```

## Limits in Amazon Cognito

This section describes the limits for Amazon Cognito.

#### Note

Any operation that takes accessToken as an input is also throttled on the user. This throttling is in addition to the user pool throttling. The default limits mentioned below are overall limits across all users.

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## **Soft Limits**

The following tables provide the soft (default) limits for Amazon Cognito, which are limits that can be changed. For information about these limits and how to change them, see AWS Service Limits.

#### **Soft Limits in Amazon Cognito User Pools Resources**

Resource	Default Limit
Maximum number of app clients per user pool	1000
Maximum number of user pools per account	1000
Maximum number of user import jobs per user pool	1000
Maximum number of identity providers per user pool	300
Maximum number of resource servers per user pool	25
Maximum number of users per user pool	20,000,000

The limits specified in the table directly below are enforced per AWS account.

#### **Soft Limits in Amazon Cognito User Pools APIs**

API Limits (requests per second)	Default Limit
AdminInitiateAuth	20
AdminRespondToAuthChallenge	20
<ul><li>AdminAddUserToGroup</li><li>AdminRemoveUserFromGroup</li></ul>	10

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API Limits (requests per second)	Default Limit
AdminListGroupsForUser	
User authentication operations such as SignUp, InitiateAuth (sign in), and ForgotPassword.	10
Create, Update and Delete APIs for:  UserPool  UserPoolClient  UserImportJob  UserPoolDomain  IdentityProvider  ResourceServer	1
Describe APIs for:  • UserPool  • UserPoolClient  • UserImportJob  • UserPoolDomain	5
ListUsers	25
List APIs for:  UserPool  UserPoolClients  UserImportJobs	5
SetUICustomization, AddCustomAttributes	1
Admin APIs not listed above.	5

#### Soft Limits in Amazon Cognito Identity Pools (Federated Identities)

Resource	Default Limit
Maximum number of identity pools per account	1000
Maximum Amazon Cognito user pool providers per identity pool	50
Maximum number of rules for role-based access control (RBAC)	25

#### **Soft Limits in Amazon Cognito Sync**

Resource	Default Limit
Maximum number of datasets per identity	20
Maximum number of records per dataset	1024

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Resource	Default Limit
Maximum size of a single dataset	1 MB

## **Hard Limits**

The following tables describe Amazon Cognito hard limits, which are limits that cannot be changed.

#### Hard Limits in Amazon Cognito User Pools

Resource	Limit
Maximum number of custom attributes per user pool	25
Maximum characters per attribute	2048 bytes
Maximum character length for custom attribute name	20
Min/max password policy length	Between 6 and 99, inclusive
Number of emails sent daily per user pool <sup>1 (p. 320)</sup>	50
Maximum number of emails sent daily per AWS account (p. 320)	500
Maximum characters in email subject	140
Maximum character in email message	20,000
Maximum characters in SMS verification message	140
Maximum characters in password	256
Maximum character length for identity provider name	40
Maximum identifiers per identity provider	50
Maximum callback URLs per app client	100
Maximum logout URLs per app client	100
Maximum number of scopes per resource server	100
Maximum number of scopes per app client	50
Maximum number of custom domains per account	4
Maximum number of groups that each user can belong to	25
Maximum number of groups per user pool	500

#### **Notes:**

1.

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This limit applies only if you are using the default email functionality for an Amazon Cognito user pool. To enable a higher email delivery volume, configure your user pool to use your Amazon SES email configuration. For more information, see Email Settings for Amazon Cognito User Pools (p. 186).

#### Hard Limits on Token Validity in Amazon Cognito User Pools

Resource	Limit
ID token	1 hour
Refresh token	Between 1 day and 3650 days, inclusive

#### Hard Limits on Code Validity in Amazon Cognito User Pools

Resource	Limit
Sign-up confirmation code	24 hours
User attribute verification code validity	24 hours
Multi-factor authentication code	3 minutes
Forgot password code	1 hour

#### Hard Limits in Amazon Cognito Identity Pools (Federated Identities)

Resource	Limit
Maximum number of identities per identity pool	Unlimited
Maximum character length for identity pool name	128 bytes
Maximum character length for login provider name	2048 bytes
Maximum number of results from a single List/ Lookup API call	60

#### **Hard Limits in Amazon Cognito Sync**

Resource	Limit
Maximum character length for dataset name	128 bytes
Minimum waiting time for a bulk publish after a successful request	24 hours

## Amazon Cognito API References

For information about Amazon Cognito API references, see the following topics:

#### **Topics**

- Amazon Cognito User Pools API Reference (p. 322)
- Amazon Cognito User Pools Auth API Reference (p. 322)
- Amazon Cognito Identity Pools (Federated Identities) API Reference (p. 334)
- Amazon Cognito Sync API Reference (p. 334)

## Amazon Cognito User Pools API Reference

With Amazon Cognito user pools, you can enable your web and mobile app users to sign up and sign in. You can change passwords for authenticated users and initiate forgotten password flows for unauthenticated users. For more information, see User Pool Authentication Flow (p. 192) and Using Tokens with User Pools (p. 195).

For a complete user pool API reference see Amazon Cognito User Pools API Reference.

## Amazon Cognito User Pools Auth API Reference

Once a domain has been configured for your user pool, Amazon Cognito hosts an authentication server that allows you to add sign-up and sign-in webpages to your app. For more information see Add an app to enable the hosted UI.

This section contains the HTTPS contract to the Amazon Cognito authentication server from a user pool client, including sample requests and responses. It describes the expected behavior from the authentication server for positive and negative conditions.

In addition to the server contract REST API, Amazon Cognito also provides Auth SDKs for Android, iOS, and JavaScript that make it easier to form requests and interact with the server. Learn more about the Amazon Cognito SDKs.

For more information on the specification see OpenID Connect 1.0 and OAuth 2.0.

#### **Topics**

- AUTHORIZATION Endpoint (p. 322)
- TOKEN Endpoint (p. 327)
- USERINFO Endpoint (p. 331)
- LOGIN Endpoint (p. 332)
- LOGOUT Endpoint (p. 333)

### **AUTHORIZATION Endpoint**

The /oauth2/authorize endpoint signs the user in.

## GET /oauth2/authorize

The /oauth2/authorize endpoint only supports HTTPS GET. The user pool client typically makes this request through a browser. Web browsers include Chrome or Firefox. Android browsers include Custom Chrome Tab. iOS browsers include Safari View Control.

The authorization server requires HTTPS instead of HTTP as the protocol when accessing the authorization endpoint. For more information on the specification see Authorization Endpoint.

#### Request Parameters

response\_type

The response type. Must be code or token. Indicates whether the client wants an authorization code (authorization code grant flow) for the end user or directly issues tokens for end user (implicit flow).

Required

client id

The Client ID.

Must be a pre-registered client in the user pool and must be enabled for federation.

Required

redirect uri

The URL to which the authentication server redirects the browser after authorization has been granted by the user.

A redirect URI must:

- Be an absolute URI.
- · Be pre-registered with a client.
- Not include a fragment component.

See OAuth 2.0 - Redirection Endpoint.

Amazon Cognito requires HTTPS over HTTP except for http://localhost for testing purposes only.

App callback URLs such as myapp://example are also supported.

Required

state

An opaque value the clients adds to the initial request. The authorization server includes this value when redirecting back to the client.

This value must be used by the client to prevent CSRF attacks.

Optional but strongly recommended.

identity\_provider

Used by the developer to directly authenticate with a specific provider.

- For social sign-in the valid values are **Facebook**, **Google**, and **LoginWithAmazon**.
- For Amazon Cognito user pools, the value is **COGNITO**.

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• For other identity providers this would be the name you assigned to the IdP in your user pool.

Optional

idp\_identifier

Used by the developer to map to a provider name without exposing the provider name.

Optional

scope

Can be a combination of any system-reserved scopes or custom scopes associated with a client. Scopes must be separated by spaces. System reserved scopes are openid, email, phone, profile, and aws.cognito.signin.user.admin. Any scope used must be preassociated with the client or it will be ignored at runtime.

If the client doesn't request any scopes, the authentication server uses all scopes associated with the client.

An ID token is only returned if openid scope is requested. The access token can be only used against Amazon Cognito User Pools if aws.cognito.signin.user.admin scope is requested. The phone, email, and profile scopes can only be requested if openid scope is also requested. These scopes dictate the claims that go inside the ID token.

Optional

code\_challenge\_method

The method used to generate the challenge. The PKCE RFC defines two methods, S256 and plain; however, Amazon Cognito authentication server supports only S256.

Optional

code\_challenge

The generated challenge from the code verifier.

Required only when the code\_challenge\_method is specified.

#### **Examples Requests with Positive Responses**

#### **Authorization Code Grant**

#### Sample Request

```
GET https://mydomain.auth.us-east-1.amazoncognito.com/oauth2/authorize?
response_type=code&
client_id=ad398u21ijw3s9w3939&
redirect_uri=https://YOUR_APP/redirect_uri&
state=STATE&
scope=openid+profile+aws.cognito.signin.user.admin
```

#### Sample Response

The Amazon Cognito authentication server redirects back to your app with the authorization code and state. The code and state must be returned in the query string parameters and not in the fragment. A query string is the part of a web request that appears after a '?' character; the string can contain one or more parameters separated by '&' characters. A fragment is the part of a web request that appears after a '#' character to specify a subsection of a document.

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```
HTTP/1.1 302 Found
Location: https://YOUR_APP/redirect_uri?code=AUTHORIZATION_CODE&state=STATE
```

#### Authorization Code Grant with PKCE

#### Sample Request

```
GET https://mydomain.auth.us-east-1.amazoncognito.com/oauth2/authorize?
response_type=code&
client_id=ad398u21ijw3s9w3939&
redirect_uri=https://YOUR_APP/redirect_uri&
state=STATE&
scope=aws.cognito.signin.user.admin&
code_challenge_method=S256&
code_challenge=CODE_CHALLENGE
```

#### Sample Response

The authentication server redirects back to your app with the authorization code and state. The code and state must be returned in the query string parameters and not in the fragment.

```
HTTP/1.1 302 Found
Location: https://YOUR_APP/redirect_uri?code=AUTHORIZATION_CODE&state=STATE
```

#### Token grant without openid scope

#### Sample Request

```
GET https://mydomain.auth.us-east-1.amazoncognito.com/oauth2/authorize?
response_type=token&
client_id=ad398u21ijw3s9w3939&
redirect_uri=https://YOUR_APP/redirect_uri&
state=STATE&
scope=aws.cognito.signin.user.admin
```

#### Sample Response

The Amazon Cognito authorization server redirects back to your app with access token. Since openid scope was not requested, an ID token is not returned. A refresh token is never returned in this flow. Token and state are returned in the fragment and not in the guery string.

```
HTTP/1.1 302 Found
Location: https://YOUR_APP/
redirect_uri#access_token=ACCESS_TOKEN&token_type=bearer&expires_in=3600&state=STATE
```

#### Token grant with openid scope

#### **Sample Request**

```
https://mydomain.auth.us-east-1.amazoncognito.com/oauth2/authorize?
response_type=token&
client_id=ad398u21ijw3s9w3939&
redirect_uri=https://YOUR_APP/redirect_uri&
state=STATE&
```

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scope=aws.cognito.signin.user.admin+openid+profile

#### Sample Response

The authorization server redirects back to your app with access token and ID token (because openid scope was included).

```
HTTP/1.1 302 Found
Location: https://YOUR_APP/
redirect_ur#id_token=ID_TOKEN&access_token=ACCESS_TOKEN&token_type=bearer&expires_in=3600&state=STATE
```

#### **Examples of Negative Responses**

The following are examples of negative responses:

• If client\_id and redirect\_uri are valid but there are other problems with the request parameters (for example, if response\_type is not included; if code\_challenge is supplied but code\_challenge\_method is not supplied; or if code\_challenge\_method is not 'S256'), the authentication server redirects the error to client's redirect\_uri.

```
HTTP 1.1 302 Found Location: https://client_redirect_uri?
error=invalid_request
```

• If the client requests 'code' or 'token' in response\_type but does not have permission for these requests, the Amazon Cognito authorization server should return unauthorized\_client to client's redirect\_uri, as follows:

```
HTTP 1.1 302 Found Location: https://client_redirect_uri?
error=unauthorized client
```

• If the client requests invalid, unknown, malformed scope, the Amazon Cognito authorization server should return invalid\_scope to the client's redirect\_uri, as follows:

```
HTTP 1.1 302 Found Location: https://client_redirect_uri?error=invalid_scope
```

• If there is any unexpected error in the server, the authentication server should return server\_error to client's redirect\_uri. It should not be the HTTP 500 error displayed to the end user in the browser, because this error doesn't get sent to the client. The following error should return:

```
HTTP 1.1 302 Found Location: https://client_redirect_uri?error=server_error
```

- When authenticating by federating to third-party identity providers, Cognito may experience connection issues such as the following:
  - If a connection timeout occurs while requesting token from the identity provider, the authentication server redirects the error to the client's redirect\_uri as follows:

```
HTTP 1.1 302 Found Location: https://client_redirect_uri?
error=invalid_request&error_description=Timeout+occurred+in+calling+IdP
+token+endpoint
```

• If a connection timeout occurs while calling jwks endpoint for id\_token validation, the authentication server redirects the error to the client's redirect\_uri as follows:

```
HTTP 1.1 302 Found Location: https://client_redirect_uri?
error=invalid_request&error_description=error_description=Timeout+in+calling
+jwks+uri
```

- When authenticating by federating to third-party identity providers, the providers may return error responses due to configuration errors or otherwise such as the following:
  - If an error response is received from other providers, the authentication server redirects the error to the client's redirect uri as follows:

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```
HTTP 1.1 302 Found Location: https://client_redirect_uri?
error=invalid_request&error_description=[IdP name]+Error+-+[status
code]+error getting token
```

• If an error response is received from Google, the authentication server redirects the error to the client's redirect\_uri as follows:

```
HTTP 1.1 302 Found Location: https://client_redirect_uri?
error=invalid_request&error_description=Google+Error+-+[status code]+[Google
provided error code]
```

- In the rare case where Cognito encounters an exception in the communication protocol while making any connection to an external identity provider, the authentication server redirects the error to the client's redirect\_uri with either of the following messages:
  - HTTP 1.1 302 Found Location: https://client\_redirect\_uri? error=invalid\_request&error\_description=Connection+reset
  - HTTP 1.1 302 Found Location: https://client\_redirect\_uri? error=invalid\_request&error\_description=Read+timed+out

## **TOKEN Endpoint**

The /oauth2/token endpoint gets the user's tokens.

#### POST /oauth2/token

The /oauth2/token endpoint only supports HTTPS POST. The user pool client makes requests to this endpoint directly and not through the system browser.

For more information on the specification see Token Endpoint.

#### Request Parameters in Header

Authorization

If the client was issued a secret, the client must pass its client\_id and client\_secret in the authorization header through Basic HTTP authorization. The secret is Basic Base64Encode(client\_id:client\_secret).

Content-Type

Must always be 'application/x-www-form-urlencoded'.

#### Request Parameters in Body

```
grant_type
```

Grant type.

Must be authorization\_code or refresh\_token or client\_credentials.

Required

client\_id

Client ID.

Must be a preregistered client in the user pool. The client must be enabled for Amazon Cognito federation.

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Required if the client is public and does not have a secret.

scope

Can be a combination of any custom scopes associated with a client. Any scope requested must be preassociated with the client or it will be ignored at runtime. If the client doesn't request any scopes, the authentication server uses all custom scopes associated with the client.

Optional. Only used if the grant\_type is client\_credentials.

redirect\_uri

Must be the same redirect\_uri that was used to get authorization\_code in /oauth2/ authorize.

Required only if grant\_type is authorization\_code.

refresh\_token

The refresh token.

#### Note

The refresh token is defined in the specification, but is not currently implemented to be returned from the Token Endpoint.

code

Required if grant\_type is authorization\_code.

code\_verifier

The proof key.

Required if grant\_type is authorization\_code and the authorization code was requested with PKCE.

#### **Examples Requests with Positive Responses**

#### **Exchanging an Authorization Code for Tokens**

#### Sample Request

```
POST https://mydomain.auth.us-east-1.amazoncognito.com/oauth2/token&
Content-Type='application/x-www-form-urlencoded'&
Authorization=Basic aSdxd892iujendek328uedj

grant_type=authorization_code&
client_id=djc98u3jiedmi283eu928&
code=AUTHORIZATION_CODE&
redirect_uri=com.myclientapp://myclient/redirect
```

#### Sample response

```
HTTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: application/json

{
    "access_token":"eyJz9sdfsdfsdfsd",
    "refresh_token":"dn43ud8uj32nk2je",
    "id_token":"dmcxd329ujdmkemkd349r",
    "token_type":"Bearer",
    "expires_in":3600
```

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}

#### Note

The refresh token is defined in the specification, but is not currently implemented to be returned from the Token Endpoint.

#### Exchanging Client Credentials for an Access Token

#### Sample Request

```
POST https://mydomain.auth.us-east-1.amazoncognito.com/oauth2/token > Content-Type='application/x-www-form-urlencoded'&
Authorization=Basic aSdxd892iujendek328uedj

grant_type=client_credentials&
scope={resourceServerIdentifier1}/{scope1} {resourceServerIdentifier2}/{scope2}
```

#### Sample response

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: application/json

{
    "access_token":"eyJz9sdfsdfsdfsd",
    "token_type":"Bearer",
    "expires_in":3600
}
```

#### Exchanging an Authorization Code Grant with PKCE for Tokens

#### **Sample Request**

```
POST https://mydomain.auth.us-east-1.amazoncognito.com/oauth2/token
Content-Type='application/x-www-form-urlencoded'&
Authorization=Basic aSdxd892iujendek328uedj

grant_type=authorization_code&
client_id=djc98u3jiedmi283eu928&
code=AUTHORIZATION_CODE&
code_verifier=CODE_VERIFIER&
redirect_uri=com.myclientapp://myclient/redirect
```

#### Sample response

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: application/json

{
    "access_token":"eyJz9sdfsdfsdfsd",
    "refresh_token":"dn43ud8uj32nk2je",
    "id_token":"dmcxd329ujdmkemkd349r",
    "token_type":"Bearer",
    "expires_in":3600
}
```

#### Note

The refresh token is defined in the specification, but is not currently implemented to be returned from the Token Endpoint.

#### Exchanging a Refresh Token for Tokens

#### Sample Request

```
POST https://mydomain.auth.us-east-1.amazoncognito.com/oauth2/token > Content-Type='application/x-www-form-urlencoded'
Authorization=Basic aSdxd892iujendek328uedj

grant_type=refresh_token&
client_id=djc98u3jiedmi283eu928&
refresh_token=REFRESH_TOKEN
```

#### Sample Response

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: application/json

{
    "access_token":"eyJz9sdfsdfsdfsd",
    "refresh_token":"dn43ud8uj32nk2je",
    "id_token":"dmcxd329ujdmkemkd349r",
    "token_type":"Bearer",
    "expires_in":3600
}
```

#### Note

The refresh token is defined in the specification, but is not currently implemented to be returned from the Token Endpoint.

#### **Examples of Negative Responses**

#### Sample Error Response

```
HTTP/1.1 400 Bad Request
Content-Type: application/json; charset=UTF-8
{
   "error":"invalid_request|invalid_client|invalid_grant|unauthorized_client|
   unsupported_grant_type|"
}
```

#### invalid\_request

The request is missing a required parameter, includes an unsupported parameter value (other than unsupported\_grant\_type), or is otherwise malformed. For example, grant\_type is refresh\_token but refresh\_token is not included.

#### invalid\_client

Client authentication failed. For example, when the client includes client\_id and client\_secret in the authorization header, but there's no such client with that client\_id and client\_secret.

#### invalid\_grant

Refresh token has been revoked.

Authorization code has been consumed already or does not exist. unauthorized\_client

Client is not allowed for code grant flow or for refreshing tokens.

unsupported\_grant\_type

Returned if grant\_type is anything other than authorization\_code or refresh\_token.

## **USERINFO Endpoint**

The /oauth2/userInfo endpoint returns information about the authenticated user.

#### GET /oauth2/userInfo

The user pool client makes requests to this endpoint directly and not through a browser.

For more information see UserInfo Endpoint in the OpenID Connect (OIDC) specification.

#### **Topics**

- Request Parameters in Header (p. 331)
- Sample Request (p. 331)
- Sample Positive Response (p. 331)
- Sample Negative Responses (p. 331)

#### Request Parameters in Header

Authorization: Bearer <access\_token>

Pass the access token using the authorization header field.

Required

#### Sample Request

```
GET https://<your-user-pool-domain>/oauth2/userInfo
Authorization: Bearer <access_token>
```

#### Sample Positive Response

```
HTTP/1.1 200 OK
Content-Type: application/json; charset=UTF-8
{
    "sub": "248289761001",
    "name": "Jane Doe",
    "given_name": "Jane",
    "family_name": "Doe",
    "preferred_username": "j.doe",
    "email": "janedoe@example.com"
}
```

For a list of OIDC claims see Standard Claims.

### Sample Negative Responses

#### **Invalid Request**

```
HTTP/1.1 400 Bad Request
```

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```
WWW-Authenticate: error="invalid_request",
  error_description="Bad OAuth2 request at UserInfo Endpoint"
```

#### invalid request

The request is missing a required parameter, includes an unsupported parameter value, or is otherwise malformed.

#### **Invalid Token**

```
HTTP/1.1 401 Unauthorized

WWW-Authenticate: error="invalid_token",

error_description="Access token is expired, disabled, or deleted, or the user has
globally signed out."
```

#### invalid\_token

The access token is expired, revoked, malformed, or invalid.

## **LOGIN Endpoint**

The /login endpoint signs the user in. It loads the login page and presents the authentication options configured for the client to the user.

#### GET /login

The /login endpoint only supports HTTPS GET. The user pool client makes this request through a system browser. System browsers for JavaScript include Chrome or Firefox. Android browsers include Custom Chrome Tab. iOS browsers include Safari View Control.

#### **Request Parameters**

```
client_id
```

The app client ID for your app. To obtain an app client ID, register the app in the user pool. For more information, see Configuring a User Pool App Client (p. 219).

Required

redirect\_uri

The URI where the user is redirected after a successful authentication. It should be configured on response\_type of the specified client\_id.

Required

response\_type

The OAuth response type, which can be code for code grant flow and token for implicit flow.

Required

state

An opaque value the client adds to the initial request. The value is then returned back to the client upon redirect.

This value must be used by the client to prevent CSRF attacks.

Optional but strongly recommended.

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scope

Can be a combination of any system-reserved scopes or custom scopes associated with a client. Scopes must be separated by spaces. System reserved scopes are openid, email, phone, profile, and aws.cognito.signin.user.admin. Any scope used must be preassociated with the client or it is ignored at runtime.

If the client doesn't request any scopes, the authentication server uses all scopes associated with the client.

An ID token is only returned if an openid scope is requested. The access token can only be used against Amazon Cognito user pools if an aws.cognito.signin.user.admin scope is requested. The phone, email, and profile scopes can only be requested if an openid scope is also requested. These scopes dictate the claims that go inside the ID token.

Optional

#### Sample Request: Prompt the User to Sign in

This example displays the login screen.

```
GET https://mydomain.auth.us-east-1.amazoncognito.com/login?
response_type=code&
client_id=ad398u21ijw3s9w3939&
redirect_uri=https://YOUR_APP/redirect_uri&
state=STATE&
scope=openid+profile+aws.cognito.signin.user.admin
```

### LOGOUT Endpoint

The /logout endpoint signs the user out.

### **GET /logout**

The /logout endpoint only supports HTTPS GET. The user pool client typically makes this request through the system browser, which would typically be Custom Chrome Tab in Android and Safari View Control in iOS.

#### **Request Parameters**

client\_id

The app client ID for your app. To obtain an app client ID, you must register the app in the user pool. For more information, see Configuring a User Pool App Client (p. 219).

Optional

logout\_uri

A sign-out URL that you registered for your client app. For more information, see Configuring a User Pool App Client (p. 76).

Optional

#### Sample Requests

#### Example #1: Logout and Redirect Back to Client

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This example clears out the existing session and redirects back to the client. Both parameters are required.

```
GET https://mydomain.auth.us-east-1.amazoncognito.com/logout?
client_id=ad398u21ijw3s9w3939&
logout_uri=com.myclientapp://myclient/logout
```

#### Example #2: Logout and Prompt the User to Sign In As Another User

This example clears out the existing session and shows the login screen, using the same parameters as for GET /oauth2/authorize.

```
GET https://mydomain.auth.us-east-1.amazoncognito.com/logout?
response_type=code&
client_id=ad398u21ijw3s9w3939&
redirect_uri=https://YOUR_APP/redirect_uri&
state=STATE&
scope=openid+profile+aws.cognito.signin.user.admin
```

## Amazon Cognito Identity Pools (Federated Identities) API Reference

With an Amazon Cognito identity pool, your web and mobile app users can obtain temporary, limited-privilege AWS credentials enabling them to access other AWS services.

For a complete identity pools (federated identities) API reference see Amazon Cognito API Reference.

## Amazon Cognito Sync API Reference

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# Logging Amazon Cognito API Calls with AWS CloudTrail

Amazon Cognito is integrated with AWS CloudTrail, a service that provides a record of actions taken by a user, role, or an AWS service in Amazon Cognito. CloudTrail captures a subset of API calls for Amazon Cognito as events, including calls from the Amazon Cognito console and from code calls to the Amazon Cognito APIs. If you create a trail, you can enable continuous delivery of CloudTrail events to an Amazon S3 bucket, including events for Amazon Cognito. If you don't configure a trail, you can still view the most recent events in the CloudTrail console in **Event history**. Using the information collected by CloudTrail, you can determine the request that was made to Amazon Cognito, the IP address from which the request was made, who made the request, when it was made, and additional details.

To learn more about CloudTrail, including how to configure and enable it, see the AWS CloudTrail User Guide.

You can also create Amazon CloudWatch alarms for specific CloudTrail events. For example, you can set up CloudWatch to trigger an alarm if an identity pool configuration is changed. For more information, see Creating CloudWatch Alarms for CloudTrail Events: Examples.

## Amazon Cognito Information in CloudTrail

CloudTrail is enabled on your AWS account when you create the account. When supported event activity occurs in Amazon Cognito, that activity is recorded in a CloudTrail event along with other AWS service events in **Event history**. You can view, search, and download recent events in your AWS account. For more information, see Viewing Events with CloudTrail Event History.

For an ongoing record of events in your AWS account, including events for Amazon Cognito, create a trail. A trail enables CloudTrail to deliver log files to an Amazon S3 bucket. By default, when you create a trail in the console, the trail applies to all regions. The trail logs events from all regions in the AWS partition and delivers the log files to the Amazon S3 bucket that you specify. Additionally, you can configure other AWS services to further analyze and act upon the event data collected in CloudTrail logs. For more information, see:

- Overview for Creating a Trail
- CloudTrail Supported Services and Integrations
- Configuring Amazon SNS Notifications for CloudTrail
- Receiving CloudTrail Log Files from Multiple Regions and Receiving CloudTrail Log Files from Multiple Accounts

Amazon Cognito supports logging the following actions as events in CloudTrail log files:

#### **Amazon Cognito User Pools**

- AddCustomAttributes
- CreateUserImportJob
- CreateUserPool
- CreateUserPoolClient
- DeleteUserPool
- DeleteUserPoolClient

- DescribeUserImportJob
- DescribeUserPool
- DescribeUserPoolClient
- GetCSVHeader
- ListUserImportJobs
- ListUserPoolClients
- ListUserPools
- StartUserImportJob
- StopUserImportJob
- UpdateUserPool
- UpdateUserPoolClient

#### **Amazon Cognito Federated Identities**

- CreateIdentityPool
- DeleteIdentityPool
- DescribeIdentityPool
- GetIdentityPoolRoles
- ListIdentityPools
- SetIdentityPoolRoles
- UpdateIdentityPool

#### **Amazon Cognito Sync**

- BulkPublish
- DescribeIdentityPoolUsage
- GetBulkPublishDetails
- GetCognitoEvents
- GetIdentityPoolConfiguration
- ListIdentityPoolUsage
- SetCognitoEvents
- SetIdentityPoolConfiguration

Every event or log entry contains information about who generated the request. The identity information helps you determine the following:

- Whether the request was made with root or IAM user credentials.
- Whether the request was made with temporary security credentials for a role or federated user.
- · Whether the request was made by another AWS service.

For more information, see the CloudTrail userIdentity Element.

## **Example: Amazon Cognito Log File Entries**

A trail is a configuration that enables delivery of events as log files to an Amazon S3 bucket that you specify. CloudTrail log files contain one or more log entries. An event represents a single request from

any source and includes information about the requested action, the date and time of the action, request parameters, and so on. CloudTrail log files are not an ordered stack trace of the public API calls, so they do not appear in any specific order.

The following example is a log entry for a request for the CreateIdentityPool action. The request was made by an IAM user named Alice.

```
{
         "eventVersion": "1.03",
         "userIdentity":{
            "type":"IAMUser",
            "principalId": "PRINCIPAL ID",
            "arn": "arn:aws:iam::123456789012:user/Alice",
            "accountId": "123456789012",
            "accessKeyId":"['EXAMPLE_KEY_ID']",
            "userName": "Alice"
         },
         "eventTime": "2016-01-07T02:04:30Z",
         "eventSource": "cognito-identity.amazonaws.com",
         "eventName": "CreateIdentityPool",
         "awsRegion": "us-east-1",
         "sourceIPAddress": "127.0.0.1",
         "userAgent": "USER_AGENT",
         "requestParameters":{
            "identityPoolName": "TestPool",
            "allowUnauthenticatedIdentities":true,
            "supportedLoginProviders":{
               "graph.facebook.com": "000000000000000"
         },
         "responseElements":{
            "identityPoolName": "TestPool",
            "identityPoolId": "us-east-1:1cf667a2-49a6-454b-9e45-23199EXAMPLE",
            "allowUnauthenticatedIdentities":true,
            "supportedLoginProviders":{
               "graph.facebook.com": "00000000000000"
         },
         "requestID": "15cc73a1-0780-460c-91e8-e12ef034e116",
         "eventID": "f1d47f93-c708-495b-bff1-cb935a6064b2",
         "eventType":"AwsApiCall",
         "recipientAccountId": "123456789012"
      }
```

## Tagging Amazon Cognito Resources

A *tag* is a metadata label that you assign or that AWS assigns to an AWS resource. Each tag consists of a *key* and a *value*. For tags that you assign, you define the key and value. For example, you might define the key as stage and the value for one resource as test.

Tags help you do the following:

- Identify and organize your AWS resources. Many AWS services support tagging, so you can assign the same tag to resources from different services to indicate that the resources are related. For example, you could assign the same tag to an Amazon Cognito user pool that you assign to an Amazon DynamoDB table.
- Track your AWS costs. You activate these tags on the AWS Billing and Cost Management dashboard.
   AWS uses the tags to categorize your costs and deliver a monthly cost allocation report to you. For more information, see Use Cost Allocation Tags in the AWS Billing and Cost Management User Guide.
- Control access to your resources based on the tags that are assigned to them. You control access by specifying tag keys and values in the conditions for an AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM) policy. For example, you could allow an IAM user to update a user pool, but only if the user pool has an owner tag with a value of that user's name. For more information, see Controlling Access Using Tags in the IAM User Guide.

You can use the AWS CLI or the Amazon Cognito API to add, edit, or delete tags for user pools and identity pools. For user pools specifically, you can also manage tags by using the Amazon Cognito console.

For tips on using tags, see the AWS Tagging Strategies post on the AWS Answers blog.

The following sections provide more information about tags for Amazon Cognito.

## Supported Resources in Amazon Cognito

The following resources in Amazon Cognito support tagging:

- · User pools
- Identity pools

## Tag Restrictions

The following basic restrictions apply to tags on Amazon Cognito resources:

- Maximum number of tags that you can assign to a resource 50
- Maximum key length 128 Unicode characters
- Maximum value length 256 Unicode characters
- Valid characters for key and value a-z, A-Z, 0-9, space, and the following characters: \_ . : / = + and @
- · Keys and values are case sensitive
- Don't use aws: as a prefix for keys; it's reserved for AWS use

## Managing Tags by Using the Amazon Cognito Console

You can use the Amazon Cognito console to manage the tags that are assigned to your user pools.

For identity pools, the console does not include tagging features, so you must manage tags programmatically. For example, you can use the AWS CLI.

#### To add tags to a user pool

- Sign in the AWS Management Console and open the Amazon Cognito console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/cognito.
- Choose Manage User Pools.
- 3. On the Your User Pools page, choose the user pool that you want to add tags to.
- 4. In the navigation menu on the left, choose **Tags**.
- 5. Unless your user pool already has tags, choose **Add tag** to add the first one.
- 6. Specify values for Tag Key and Tag Value.
- 7. For each additional tag that you want to add, choose Add another tag.
- When you are finished adding tags, choose Save changes.

On the **Tags** page, you can also edit the keys and values of any existing tags. To remove a tag, choose the x in the top-right corner of the tag.

## **AWS CLI Examples**

The AWS CLI provides commands that you can use to manage the tags that you assign to your Amazon Cognito user pools and identity pools.

## Assigning tags

Use the following commands to assign tags to your existing user pools and identity pools.

#### Example tag-resource command for user pools

Assign tags to a user pool by using tag-resource within the cognito-idp set of commands:

```
$ aws cognito-idp tag-resource \
> --resource-arn user-pool-arn \
> --tags Stage=Test
```

This command includes the following parameters:

- resource-arn The Amazon Resource Name (ARN) of the user pool that you are applying tags to. To
  look up the ARN, choose the user pool in the Amazon Cognito console, and view the Pool ARN value
  on the General settings tab.
- tags The key-value pairs of the tags.

To assign multiple tags at once, specify them in a comma-separated list:

```
$ aws cognito-idp tag-resource \
```

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```
> --resource-arn user-pool-arn \
> --tags Stage=Test,CostCenter=80432,Owner=SysEng
```

#### Example tag-resource command for identity pools

Assign tags to an identity pool by using tag-resource within the cognito-identity set of commands:

```
$ aws cognito-identity tag-resource \
> --resource-arn identity-pool-arn \
> --tags Stage=Test
```

This command includes the following parameters:

- resource-arn The Amazon Resource Name (ARN) of the identity pool that you are applying tags to.
   To look up the ARN, choose the identity pool in the Amazon Cognito console, and choose Edit identity pool. Then, at Identity pool ID, choose Show ARN.
- tags The key-value pairs of the tags.

To assign multiple tags at once, specify them in a comma-separated list:

```
$ aws cognito-identity tag-resource \
> --resource-arn identity-pool-arn \
> --tags Stage=Test, CostCenter=80432, Owner=SysEng
```

## Viewing tags

Use the following commands to view the tags that you have assigned to your user pools and identity pools.

#### Example list-tags-for-resource command for user pools

View the tags that are assigned to a user pool by using list-tags-for-resource within the cognito-idp set of commands:

```
$ aws cognito-idp list-tags-for-resource --resource-arn user-pool-arn
```

#### Example list-tags-for-resource command for identity pools

View the tags that are assigned to an identity pool by using list-tags-for-resource within the cognito-identity set of commands:

```
$ aws cognito-identity list-tags-for-resource --resource-arn identity-pool-arn
```

### Removing tags

Use the following commands to remove tags from your user pools and identity pools.

#### Example untag-resource command for user pools

Remove tags from a user pool by using untag-resource within the cognito-idp set of commands:

```
$ aws cognito-idp untag-resource \
```

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```
> --resource-arn user-pool-arn \
> --tag-keys Stage CostCenter Owner
```

For the --tag-keys parameter, specify one or more tag keys, and do not include the tag values.

#### Example untag-resource command for identity pools

Remove tags from an identity pool by using untag-resource within the cognito-identity set of commands:

```
$ aws cognito-identity untag-resource \
> --resource-arn identity-pool-arn \
> --tag-keys Stage CostCenter Owner
```

For the --tag-keys parameter, specify one or more tag keys, and do not include the tag values.

## Applying tags when you create resources

Use the following commands to assign tags at the moment you create a user pool or identity pool.

#### Example create-user-pool command with tags

When you create a user pool by using the create-user-pool command, you can specify tags with the --user-pool-tags parameter:

```
$ aws cognito-idp create-user-pool \
> --pool-name user-pool-name \
> --user-pool-tags Stage=Test, CostCenter=80432, Owner=SysEng
```

#### Example create-identity-pool command with tags

When you create an identity pool by using the create-identity-pool command, you can specify tags with the --identity-pool-tags parameter:

```
$ aws cognito-identity create-identity-pool \
> --identity-pool-name identity-pool-name \
> --allow-unauthenticated-identities \
> --identity-pool-tags Stage=Test,CostCenter=80432,Owner=SysEng
```

## Managing Tags by Using the Amazon Cognito API

You can use the following actions in the Amazon Cognito API to manage the tags for your user pools and identity pools.

## **API Actions for User Pool Tags**

Use the following API actions to assign, view, and remove tags for user pools.

- TagResource
- ListTagsForResource
- UntagResource
- CreateUserPool

## API Actions for Identity Pool Tags

Use the following API actions to assign, view, and remove tags for identity pools.

- TagResource
- ListTagsForResource
- UntagResource
- CreateIdentityPool

## **Resource Permissions**

This section covers restricting access to Amazon Cognito resources via AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM). For more information about using identity pools together with user pool groups to control access your AWS resources see Adding Groups to a User Pool (p. 171) and Role-Based Access Control (p. 245). See Identity Pools Concepts (Federated Identities) (p. 234) for more information about identity pools and IAM.

## **Amazon Resource Names (ARNs)**

#### **ARNs for Amazon Cognito Federated Identities**

In Amazon Cognito identity pools (federated identities), it is possible to restrict an IAM user's access to a specific identity pool, using the Amazon Resource Name (ARN) format, as in the following example. For more information about ARNs, see IAM Identifiers.

arn:aws:cognito-identity:REGION:ACCOUNT\_ID:identitypool/IDENTITY\_POOL\_ID

#### **ARNs for Amazon Cognito Sync**

In Amazon Cognito Sync, customers can also restrict access by the identity pool ID, identity ID, and dataset name.

For APIs that operate on an identity pool, the identity pool ARN format is the same as for Amazon Cognito Federated Identities, except that the service name is cognito-sync instead of cognito-identity:

arn:aws:cognito-sync:REGION:ACCOUNT\_ID:identitypool/IDENTITY\_POOL\_ID

For APIs that operate on a single identity, such as RegisterDevice, you can refer to the individual identity by the following ARN format:

arn:aws:cognito-sync:REGION:ACCOUNT\_ID:identitypool/IDENTITY\_POOL\_ID/identity/IDENTITY\_ID

For APIs that operate on datasets, such as UpdateRecords and ListRecords, you can refer to the individual dataset using the following ARN format:

arn:aws:cognito-sync:REGION:ACCOUNT\_ID:identitypool/IDENTITY\_POOL\_ID/identity/IDENTITY\_ID/dataset/DATASET\_NAME

#### **ARNs for Amazon Cognito Your User Pools**

For Amazon Cognito Your User Pools, it is possible to restrict an IAM user's access to a specific user pool, using the following ARN format:

arn:aws:cognito-idp:REGION:ACCOUNT\_ID:userpool/USER\_POOL\_ID

## **Example Policies**

Restricting Console Access to a Specific Identity Pool

```
"Version": "2012-10-17",
  "Statement": [
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Action": [
        "cognito-identity:ListIdentityPools"
      "Resource": "*"
    },
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Action": [
        "cognito-identity: * "
      "Resource": "arn:aws:cognito-identity:us-east-1:0123456789:identitypool/us-
east-1:1a1a1a1a-ffff-1111-9999-12345678"
   },
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Action": [
        "cognito-sync:*"
      "Resource": "arn:aws:cognito-sync:us-east-1:0123456789:identitypool/us-
east-1:1a1a1a1a-ffff-1111-9999-12345678"
 ]
}
```

#### Allowing Access to Specific Dataset for All Identities in a Pool

## **Managed Policies**

A number of policies are available via the IAM Console that customers can use to grant access to Amazon Cognito:

- · AmazonCognitoPowerUser Permissions for accessing and managing all aspects of your identity pools.
- AmazonCognitoReadOnly Permissions for read only access to your identity pools.
- AmazonCognitoDeveloperAuthenticatedIdentities Permissions for your authentication system to integrate with Amazon Cognito.

These policies are maintained by the Amazon Cognito team, so even as new APIs are added your IAM users will continue to have the same level of access.

#### Note

Because creating a new identity pool also requires creating IAM roles, any IAM user you want to be able to create new identity pools with must have the admin policy applied as well.

## Signed versus Unsigned APIs

APIs that are signed with AWS credentials are capable of being restricted via an IAM policy. The following Cognito APIs are unsigned, and therefore cannot be restricted via an IAM policy:

#### **Amazon Cognito Federated Identities**

- GetId
- GetOpenIdToken
- GetCredentialsForIdentity
- UnlinkIdentity

#### **Amazon Cognito Your User Pools**

- ChangePassword
- ConfirmDevice
- ConfirmForgotPassword
- ConfirmSignUp
- DeleteUser
- DeleteUserAttributes
- ForgetDevice
- ForgotPassword
- GetDevice
- GetUser
- GetUserAttributeVerificationCode
- GlobalSignOut
- InitiateAuth
- ListDevices
- ResendConfirmationCode
- RespondToAuthChallenge
- SetUserSettings
- SignUp
- UpdateDeviceStatus
- UpdateUserAttributes
- VerifyUserAttribute

## Using Service-Linked Roles for Amazon Cognito

Amazon Cognito uses AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM) service-linked roles. A service-linked role is a unique type of IAM role that is linked directly to Amazon Cognito. Service-linked roles are predefined by Amazon Cognito and include all the permissions that the service requires to call other AWS services on your behalf.

A service-linked role makes setting up Amazon Cognito easier because you don't have to manually add the necessary permissions. Amazon Cognito defines the permissions of its service-linked roles, and unless defined otherwise, only Amazon Cognito can assume its roles. The defined permissions include the trust policy and the permissions policy, and that permissions policy cannot be attached to any other IAM entity.

You can delete a service-linked role only after first deleting their related resources. This protects your Amazon Cognito resources because you can't inadvertently remove permission to access the resources.

For information about other services that support service-linked roles, see AWS Services That Work with IAM and look for the services that have **Yes** in the **Service-Linked Role** column. Choose a **Yes** with a link to view the service-linked role documentation for that service.

## Service-Linked Role Permissions for Amazon Cognito

Amazon Cognito uses the following service-linked role:

• AmazonCognitoIdpEmailService – Allows Amazon Cognito User Pools service to use your SES identities for email sending.

The AmazonCognitoIdpEmailService service-linked role trusts the following services to assume the role:

• email.cognito-idp.amazonaws.com

The role permissions policy allows Amazon Cognito to complete the following actions on the specified resources:

#### **Allowed Actions**

- Action: ses:SendEmail and ses:SendRawEmail
- Resource: \*

The policy denies Amazon Cognito the ability to complete the following actions on the specified resources:

#### **Denied Actions**

Action: ses:List\*

#### · Resource: \*

With these permissions, Amazon Cognito can use your verified email addresses in Amazon SES only to email your users. Amazon Cognito emails your users when they perform certain actions in the client app for a user pool, such as signing up or resetting a password.

You must configure permissions to allow an IAM entity (such as a user, group, or role) to create, edit, or delete a service-linked role. For more information, see Service-Linked Role Permissions in the IAM User Guide.

## Creating a Service-Linked Role for Amazon Cognito

You don't need to manually create a service-linked role. When you configure a user pool to use your Amazon SES configuration to handle email delivery in the AWS Management Console, the AWS CLI, or the Amazon Cognito API, Amazon Cognito creates the service-linked role for you.

If you delete this service-linked role, and then need to create it again, you can use the same process to recreate the role in your account. When you configure a user pool to use your Amazon SES configuration to handle email delivery, Amazon Cognito creates the service-linked role for you again.

Before Amazon Cognito can create this role, the IAM permissions that you use to set up your user pool must include the iam: CreateServiceLinkedRole action. For more information about updating permissions in IAM, see Changing Permissions for an IAM User in the IAM User Guide.

## Editing a Service-Linked Role for Amazon Cognito

Amazon Cognito does not allow you to edit the AmazonCognitoIdpEmailService service-linked role. After you create a service-linked role, you cannot change the name of the role because various entities might reference the role. However, you can edit the description of the role using IAM. For more information, see Editing a Service-Linked Role in the *IAM User Guide*.

## Deleting a Service-Linked Role for Amazon Cognito

If you no longer need to use a feature or service that requires a service-linked role, we recommend that you delete that role. That way you don't have an unused entity that is not actively monitored or maintained. Before you can delete the AmazonCognitoIdpEmailService role, you must do either of the following for each user pool that uses the role:

- Delete the user pool.
- Update the email settings in the user pool to use the default email functionality. The default setting does not use the service-linked role.

Remember to do these actions in each AWS region that contains a user pool that uses the role.

#### Note

If the Amazon Cognito service is using the role when you try to delete the resources, then the deletion might fail. If that happens, wait for a few minutes and try the operation again.

#### To delete an Amazon Cognito user pool

- Sign in the AWS Management Console and open the Amazon Cognito console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/cognito.
- 2. Choose Manage User Pools.
- 3. On the **Your User Pools** page, choose the user pool that you want to delete.
- Choose Delete pool.
- 5. In the **Delete user pool** window, type **delete**, and choose **Delete pool**.

#### To update an Amazon Cognito user pool to use the default email functionality

- 1. Sign in the AWS Management Console and open the Amazon Cognito console at https://console.aws.amazon.com/cognito.
- 2. Choose Manage User Pools.
- 3. On the **Your User Pools** page, choose the user pool that you want to update.
- 4. In the navigation menu on the left, choose **Message customizations**.
- Under Do you want to send emails through your Amazon SES Configuration?, choose No Use Cognito (Default).
- 6. When you finish setting your email account options, choose Save changes.

#### To manually delete the service-linked role using IAM

Use the IAM console, the AWS CLI, or the AWS API to delete the AmazonCognitoIdpEmailService service-linked role. For more information, see Deleting a Service-Linked Role in the IAM User Guide.

## Supported Regions for Amazon Cognito Service-Linked Roles

Amazon Cognito supports using service-linked roles in all of the regions where the service is available. For more information, see AWS Regions and Endpoints.

# Document History for Amazon Cognito

The following table describes the documentation for this release of Amazon Cognito.

• Original API versions:

Amazon Cognito User Pools: 2016-04-18

Amazon Cognito Federated Identities: 2014-06-30

Amazon Cognito Sync: 2014-06-30

• Latest documentation update: June 25, 2019

Change	Description	Date
Updated limit	The throttling limit for the ListUsers API action is updated. For more information, see Limits in Amazon Cognito (p. 318).	June 25, 2019
New limit	The soft limits for user pools now include a limit for the number of users. For more information, see Limits in Amazon Cognito (p. 318).	June 17, 2019
Amazon SES email settings for Amazon Cognito user pools	You can configure a user pool so that Amazon Cognito emails your users by using your Amazon SES configuration. This setting allows Amazon Cognito to send email with a higher delivery volume than is otherwise possible. For more information, see Email Settings for Amazon Cognito User Pools (p. 186).	April 8, 2019
Tagging support	Added information about tagging Amazon Cognito resources (p. 338).	March 26, 2019
Change the certificate for a custom domain	If you use a custom domain to host the Amazon Cognito hosted UI, you can change the SSL certificate for this domain as needed. For more information, see Changing the SSL Certificate for Your Custom Domain (p. 84).	December 19, 2018
New limit	A new limit is added for the maximum number of groups	December 14, 2018

Change	Description	Date
	that each user can belong to. For more information, see Limits in Amazon Cognito (p. 318).	
Updated limits	The soft limits for user pools are updated. For more information, see Limits in Amazon Cognito (p. 318).	December 11, 2018
Documentation update for verifying email addresses and phone numbers	Added information about configuring your user pool to require email or phone verification when a user signs up in your app. For more information, see Verifying Contact Information at Sign-Up (p. 162).	November 20, 2018
Documentation update for testing emails	Added guidance for initiating emails from Amazon Cognito while you test your app. For more information, see Sending Emails While Testing Your App (p. 167).	November 13, 2018
Amazon Cognito Advanced Security	Added new security features to enable developers to protect their apps and users from malicious bots, secure user accounts against compromised credentials, and automatically adjust the challenges required to sign in based on the calculated risk of the sign in attempt.	June 14, 2018
Custom Domains for Amazon Cognito Hosted UI	Allow developers to use their own fully custom domain for the hosted UI in Amazon Cognito User Pools.	June 4, 2018
Amazon Cognito User Pools OIDC Identity Provider	Added user pool sign-in through an OpenID Connect (OIDC) identity provider such as Salesforce or Ping Identity.	May 17, 2018
Amazon Cognito Developer Guide Update	Added top level "What is Amazon Cognito" and "Getting Started with Amazon Cognito". Also added common scenarios and reorganized the user pools TOC. Added a new "Getting Started with Amazon Cognito User Pools" section.	April 6, 2018
Amazon Cognito Lambda Migration Trigger	Added pages covering the Lambda Migration Trigger feature	February 8, 2018

Change	Description	Date
Amazon Cognito Advanced Security Beta	Added new security features to enable developers to protect their apps and users from malicious bots, secure user accounts against credentials in the wild that have been compromised elsewhere on the internet, and automatically adjust the challenges required to sign in based on the calculated risk of the sign in attempt.	November 28, 2017
Amazon Pinpoint integration	Added the ability to use Amazon Pinpoint to provide analytics for your Amazon Cognito User Pools apps and to enrich the user data for Amazon Pinpoint campaigns. For more information, see Using Amazon Pinpoint Analytics with Amazon Cognito User Pools (p. 159).	September 26, 2017
Federation and built-in app UI features of Amazon Cognito User Pools	Added the ability to allow your users to sign in to your user pool through Facebook, Google, Login with Amazon, or a SAML identity provider. Added a customizable built-in app UI and OAuth 2.0 support with custom claims.	August 10, 2017
HIPAA and PCI compliance- related feature changes	Added the ability to allow your users to use a phone number or email address as their user name.	July 6, 2017
User groups and role-based access control features	Added administrative capability to create and manage user groups. Administrators can assign IAM roles to users based on group membership and administrator-created rules. For more information, see Adding Groups to a User Pool (p. 171) and Role-Based Access Control (p. 245).	December 15, 2016
Documentation update	Updated iOS code examples in Developer Authenticated Identities (Identity Pools) (p. 273).	November 18, 2016

Change	Description	Date
Documentation update	Added information about confirmation flow for user accounts. For more information, see Signing Up and Confirming User Accounts (p. 161).	November 9, 2016
Create user accounts feature	Added administrative capability to create user accounts through the Amazon Cognito console and the API. For more information, see Creating User Accounts as Administrator (p. 168).	October 6, 2016
Documentation update	Updated examples that show how to use AWS Lambda triggers with user pools. For more information, see Customizing User Pool Workflows with Lambda Triggers (p. 121).	September 27, 2016
User import feature	Added bulk import capability for Cognito User Pools. Use this feature to migrate users from your existing identity provider to an Amazon Cognito user pool. For more information, see Importing Users into User Pools From a CSV File (p. 177).	September 1, 2016
General availability of Cognito User Pools	Added the Cognito User Pools feature. Use this feature to create and maintain a user directory and add sign-up and sign-in to your mobile app or web application using user pools. For more information, see Amazon Cognito User Pools (p. 13).	July 28, 2016
SAML support	Added support for authentication with identity providers through Security Assertion Markup Language 2.0 (SAML 2.0). For more information, see SAML Identity Providers (Identity Pools) (p. 272).	June 23, 2016
CloudTrail integration	Added integration with AWS CloudTrail. For more information, see Logging Amazon Cognito API Calls with AWS CloudTrail (p. 335).	February 18, 2016

Change	Description	Date
Integration of events with Lambda	Enables you to execute an AWS Lambda function in response to important events in Amazon Cognito. For more information, see Amazon Cognito Events (p. 315).	April 9, 2015
Data stream to Amazon Kinesis	Provides control and insight into your data streams. For more information, see Amazon Cognito Streams (p. 313).	March 4, 2015
Push synchronization	Enables support for silent push synchronization. For more information, see Amazon Cognito Sync (p. 287).	November 6, 2014
OpenID Connect support	Enables support for OpenID Connect providers. For more information, see Identity Pools (Federated Identities) External Identity Providers (p. 255).	October 23, 2014
Developer-authenticated identities support added	Enables developers who own their own authentication and identity management systems to be treated as an identity provider in Amazon Cognito. For more information, see Developer Authenticated Identities (Identity Pools) (p. 273).	September 29, 2014
Amazon Cognito general availability		July 10, 2014