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LoginDiscoveryHandler Interface

Salesforce gives you the ability to log in users based on other verification methods than username and password. For example, it can prompt users to log in with their email, phone number, or another identifier like a Federation ID or device identifier. Login Discovery is available to these licenses: Customer Community, Customer Community Plus, External Identity, Partner Community, and Partner Community Plus.

Namespace

Auth

Usage

Implement a Auth.LoginDiscoveryHandler for an interview-based log in. The handler looks up a use from the identifier entered, and can call Site.passwordlessLogin to determine which credential to use, such as email or SMS. Or the handler can redirect a user to a third-party identity provider for login. With this handler, the login page doesn't show a password field. However, you can use Site.passwordlessLogin to then prompt for a password.

From the user perspective, the user enters an identifier at the log in prompt. Then the user completes the login by entering a PIN or password. Or, if SSO-enabled, the user bypasses login.

For an example, see LoginDiscoveryHandler Example Implementation. For more details, see Salesforce Customer Identity in Salesforce Help.

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LoginDiscoveryHandler Method

Here's the method for LoginDiscoveryHandler.

login(identifier, startUrl, requestAttributes)
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Signature

public System.PageReference login(String identifier, String startUrl,
Map<String,String>requestAttributes)

Parameters

identifier

Type: String



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Path to the Experience Cloud site page requested by the customer or partner. The user is redirected to this location after successful login.

requestAttributes

Type: Map<String,String>

Information about the login request based on the user's browser state when accessing the login page. requestAttributes passes in the CommunityUrl, IpAddress, UserAgent, Platform, Application, City, Country, and Subdivision values. The City, Country, and Subdivision values comfrom IP geolocation.

Return Value

Type: System.PageReference

The URL of the page where the user is redirected.

Example

Here's a sample requestAttributes response.

```
CommunityUrl=http://my-developer-edition.mycompany.com:5555/discover
IpAddress=55.555.0.0
UserAgent=Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh; Intel Mac OS X 10_13_4) AppleWebKit/605.1.15 (KHTML, 1:
Platform=Mac OSX
Application=Browser
City=San Mateo
Country=United States
Subdivision=California
```

LoginDiscoveryHandler Example Implementation

This Apex code example implements the Auth.LoginDiscoveryHandler interface. It checks whether the user who is logging in has a verified email or phone number, depending on which identifier wa supplied on the login page. If verified, with Auth.VerificationMethod.EMAIL or Auth.VerificationMethod.SMS, we send a challenge to the identifier, either the user's email address or mobile device. If the user enters the code correctly on the verify page, the user is redirected to the Experience Cloud site's page specified by the start URL. If the user isn't verified, the user must enter a password to log in. The handler also checks that the email and phone number are unique with this code: users.size()==1.



Passwordless login works only with verified methods. You can check the verification status on the User object, for example, with User list view, a report, or the API. Make sure that your solution handles the case where the user doesn't have a verification method. This code example falls back to a password.

The default discoverable login handler checks whether the user entered a valid email address or phone number before redirecting the user to the verification page. If an invalid entry is made, the handler returns an error. Because this behavior is vulnerable to user enumeration attack, make sure that your solution prevents this attack. For example, you can create a dummy page similar to the verification page and redirect the user to the dummy page when invalid user identifier is entered. Also, use generic error messages to avoid providing additional information.



```
global class AutocreatedDiscLoginHandler1535377170343 implements Auth.LoginDiscoveryHand
global PageReference login(String identifier, String startUrl, Map<String, String> reques
   if (identifier != null && isValidEmail(identifier)) {
       // Search for user by email.
       List<User> users = [SELECT Id FROM User WHERE Email = :identifier AND IsActive =
       if (!users.isEmpty() && users.size() == 1) {
           // User must have a verified email before using this verification method.
           // We cannot send messages to unverified emails.
           // You can check if the user's email verified bit set and add the
           // password verification method as fallback.
           List<TwoFactorMethodsInfo> verifiedInfo = [SELECT HasUserVerifiedEmailAddress
           if (!verifiedInfo.isEmpty() && verifiedInfo[0].HasUserVerifiedEmailAddress =
               // Use email verification method if the user's email is verified.
               return discoveryResult(users[0], Auth.VerificationMethod.EMAIL, startUrl
           } else {
               // Use password verification method as fallback
               // if the user's email is unverified.
               return discoveryResult(users[0], Auth.VerificationMethod.PASSWORD, start
       } else {
           throw new Auth.LoginDiscoveryException('No unique user found. User count=' +
   if (identifier != null) {
       String formattedSms = getFormattedSms(identifier);
       if (formattedSms != null) {
           // Search for user by SMS.
           List<User> users = [SELECT Id FROM User WHERE MobilePhone = :formattedSms ANI
           if (!users.isEmpty() && users.size() == 1) {
               // User must have a verified SMS before using this verification method.
               // We cannot send messages to unverified mobile numbers.
               // You can check if the user's mobile verified bit is set or add
               // the password verification method as fallback.
               List<TwoFactorMethodsInfo> verifiedInfo = [SELECT HasUserVerifiedMobileNo
               if (!verifiedInfo.isEmpty() && verifiedInfo[0].HasUserVerifiedMobileNumb
                   // Use SMS verification method if the user's mobile number is verification
                   return discoveryResult(users[0], Auth.VerificationMethod.SMS, startU
               } else {
                   // Use password verification method as fallback if the user's
                   // mobile number is unverified.
                   return discoveryResult(users[0], Auth.VerificationMethod.PASSWORD, s
           } else {
               throw new Auth.LoginDiscoveryException('No unique user found. User count:
       }
   if (identifier != null) {
       // You can customize the code to find user via other attributes,
       // such as SSN or Federation ID.
   throw new Auth.LoginDiscoveryException('Invalid Identifier');
private boolean isValidEmail(String identifier) {
   // source: https://www.regular-expressions.info/email.html
   Pattern EmailPattern = Pattern.compile(emailRegex);
   Matcher EmailMatcher = EmailPattern.matcher(identifier);
   if (EmailMatcher.matches()) { return true; }
   else { return false; }
private String getFormattedSms(String identifier) {
   // Accept SMS input formats with 1- or 2-digit country code,
   // 3-digit area code, and 7-digit number.
    // You can customize the SMS regex to allow different formats.
   Pattern smsPattern = Pattern.compile(smsRegex);
   Matcher smsMatcher = SmsPattern.matcher(identifier);
   if (smsMatcher.matches()) {
```

return null;

// log in to an Experience Cloud site.

if (ssoRedirect != null) { return ssoRedirect;

if (method != null) {

} else {

} else {

} }

methods.add(method);

if (pwdlessRedirect != null) { return pwdlessRedirect;

} else { return null; }

return null;

} else {



```
private PageReference getSsoRedirect(User user, String startUrl, Map<String, String> requ
    // You can look up to check whether the user should log in with
    // SAML or an Auth Provider and return the URL to initialize SSO.
private PageReference discoveryResult(User user, Auth.VerificationMethod method, String
    // Only users with an External Identity or community license can log in
    // using Site.passwordlessLogin. Use getSsoRedirect to let your org employees
    PageReference ssoRedirect = getSsoRedirect(user, startUrl, requestAttributes);
           List<Auth.VerificationMethod> methods = new List<Auth.VerificationMethod>():
            PageReference pwdlessRedirect = Site.passwordlessLogin(user.Id, methods, sta
                throw new Auth.LoginDiscoveryException('No Passwordless Login redirect UI
```

Code Example: Filter Login Discovery Users by Profile

Your production org can have multiple users with the same verified email address and mobile number. But your customers must have unique ones. To address this problem, you can add a few lines of code that filters users by profile to ensure uniqueness. This code example handles users with the External Identity User profile, but can be adapted to support other use cases. For example you can modify the first line of code to address users with other user licenses or criteria.

throw new Auth.LoginDiscoveryException('No method found');

Login Discovery is available with the following user licenses: Customer Community, Customer Community Plus, External Identity, Partner Community, and Partner Community Plus. It depends on which profiles have access to your Experience Cloud site.

```
global class AutocreatedDiscLoginHandler1551301979709 implements Auth.LoginDiscoveryHand
global PageReference login(String identifier, String startUrl, Map<String, String> reque
    if (identifier != null && isValidEmail(identifier)) {
        // Ensure uniqueness by profile
        Profile p = [SELECT id FROM profile WHERE name = 'External Identity User'];
        List<User> users = [SELECT Id FROM User WHERE Email = :identifier AND IsActive =
        if (!users.isEmpty() && users.size() == 1) {
            // User must have verified email before using this verification method. We \ensuremath{\text{c}}\xspace
            // You can check if the user has email verified bit on and add the password {\bf v}
            List<TwoFactorMethodsInfo> verifiedInfo = [SELECT HasUserVerifiedEmailAddres:
            if (!verifiedInfo.isEmpty() && verifiedInfo[0].HasUserVerifiedEmailAddress =
                // Use email verification method if the user's email is verified.
                return discoveryResult(users[0], Auth.VerificationMethod.EMAIL, startUrl
            } else {
                // Use password verification method as fallback if the user's email is un
                return discoveryResult(users[0], Auth.VerificationMethod.PASSWORD, startl
        } else {
            throw new Auth.LoginDiscoveryException('No unique user found. User count=' +
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List<User> users = [SELECT Id FROM User WHERE MobilePhone = :formattedSms ANI
                   if (!users.isEmpty() && users.size() == 1) {
                         // User must have verified SMS before using this verification method. We
                          // You can check if the user has mobile verified bit on or add the passw
                         List<TwoFactorMethodsInfo> verifiedInfo = [SELECT HasUserVerifiedMobileN
                         if (!verifiedInfo.isEmpty() && verifiedInfo[0].HasUserVerifiedMobileNumb
                                // Use SMS verification method if the user's mobile number is verifif
                                return discoveryResult(users[0], Auth.VerificationMethod.SMS, startU
                          } else {
                                // Use password verification method as fallback if the user's mobile
                                return discoveryResult(users[0], Auth.VerificationMethod.PASSWORD, s
                         }
                   } else {
                         throw new Auth.LoginDiscoveryException('No unique user found. User count:
            }
      if (identifier != null) {
            // You can customize the code to find user via other attributes, such as SSN or I
      throw new Auth.LoginDiscovervException('Invalid Identifier');
}
private boolean isValidEmail(String identifier) {
      // source: https://www.regular-expressions.info/email.html
      Pattern EmailPattern = Pattern.compile(emailRegex);
      Matcher EmailMatcher = EmailPattern.matcher(identifier):
      if (EmailMatcher.matches()) { return true; }
      else { return false; }
private String getFormattedSms(String identifier) {
      // Accept SMS input formats with 1 or 2 digits country code, 3 digits area code and :
      // You can customize the SMS regex to allow different formats
      String smsRegex = '^(\+?\d{1,2}?[\s-])?(\(?\d{3}\))?[\s-]?\d{4})!
      Pattern smsPattern = Pattern.compile(smsRegex);
      Matcher smsMatcher = SmsPattern.matcher(identifier);
      if (smsMatcher.matches()) {
            try {
                   // Format user input into the verified SMS format '+xx xxxxxxxxxx' before DB
                   // Append US country code +1 by default if no country code is provided
                   String countryCode = smsMatcher.group(1) == null ? '+1' : smsMatcher.group(1
                   return \ \ System. User Management. for mat Phone Number (country Code, \ sms Matcher. group) and the substitution of the su
             } catch(System.InvalidParameterValueException e) {
                   return null;
      } else { return null; }
}
private PageReference getSsoRedirect(User user, String startUrl, Map<String, String> requ
      // You can look up if the user should log in with SAML or an Auth Provider and return
      return null:
private PageReference discoveryResult(User user, Auth.VerificationMethod method, String :
      //Only users with an External Identity or community license can login using Site.pas:
      //Use getSsoRedirect to enable your org employees to log in to an Experience Cloud s:
      PageReference ssoRedirect = getSsoRedirect(user, startUrl, requestAttributes);
      if (ssoRedirect != null) {
            return ssoRedirect;
      } else {
             if (method != null) {
                   List<Auth.VerificationMethod> methods = new List<Auth.VerificationMethod>();
                   methods.add(method):
                   PageReference pwdlessRedirect = Site.passwordlessLogin(user.Id, methods, sta
                   if (pwdlessRedirect != null) {
                         return pwdlessRedirect;
                   } else {
                         throw new Auth.LoginDiscoveryException('No Passwordless Login redirect UI
                   }
             } else {
```





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