Allowing Phone Number Authentication



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Phone Sign-in Basics



Firebase added support in May 2017



Identity verified by SMS code



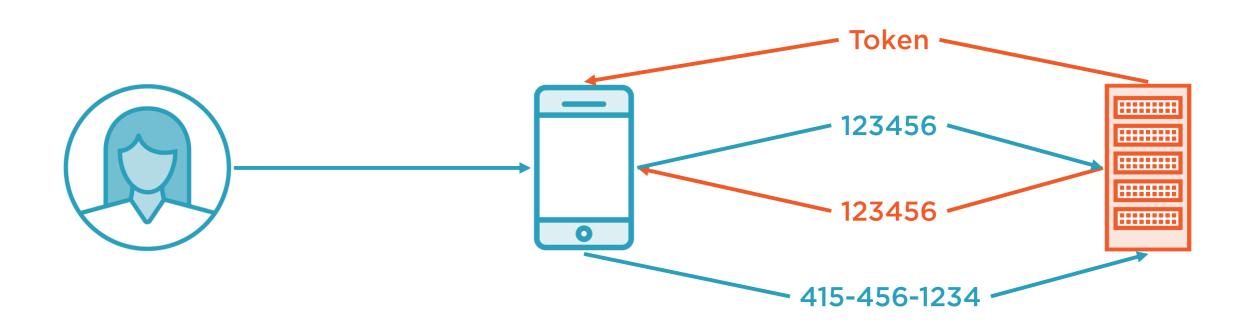
Not free, \$0.01/use over 10k/month



User phone numbers are stored and analyzed by Google

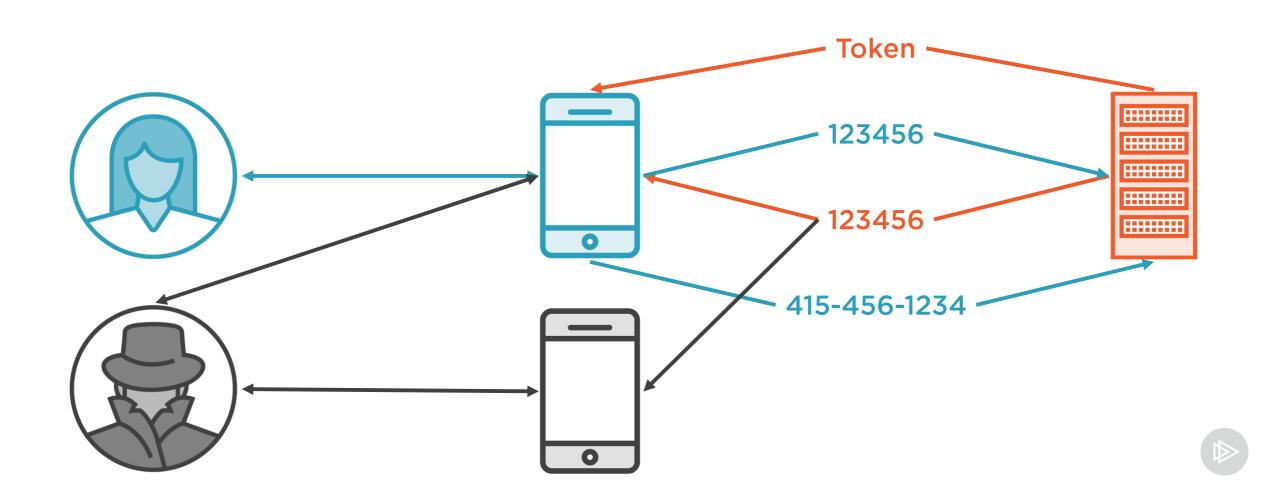


Standard Phone Sign-in Flow





Compromised Phone Sign-in Flow





Phone sign-in is a less secure option Authentication can be compromised by:

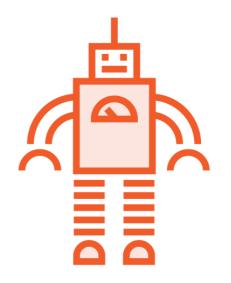
- Phones with multiple users
- Gaining physical phone access
- Switch SIM cards



Testing Phone Sign-in



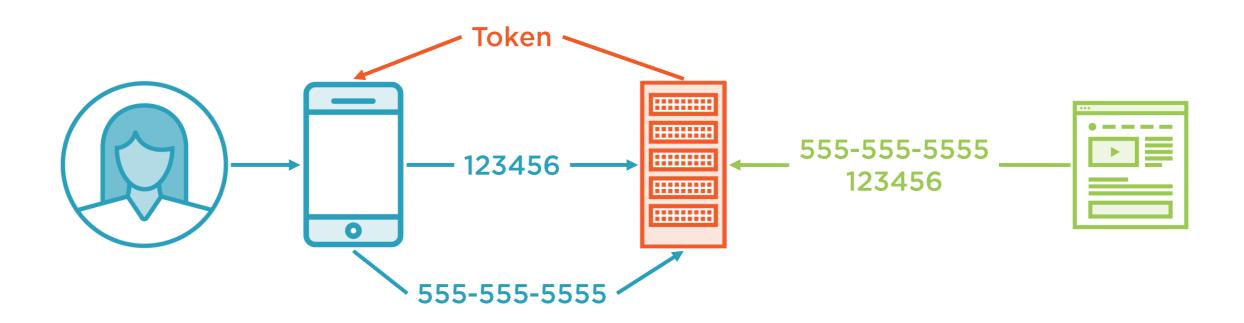
Whitelisting fake phone numbers with authentication codes



Automated integration testing



Whitelisted Phone Number Sign-in Flow





Country Codes





Demo



Firebase Console

- Enable phone sign-in method
- Add fake phone number and code for testing

Android Studio

- Add phone sign-in method
- Test on emulator and real devices



Summary



Issues to consider

- Cost for higher volumes
- Less secure than other options
- Potential privacy concerns

Testing phone sign-in

- Whitelisting

