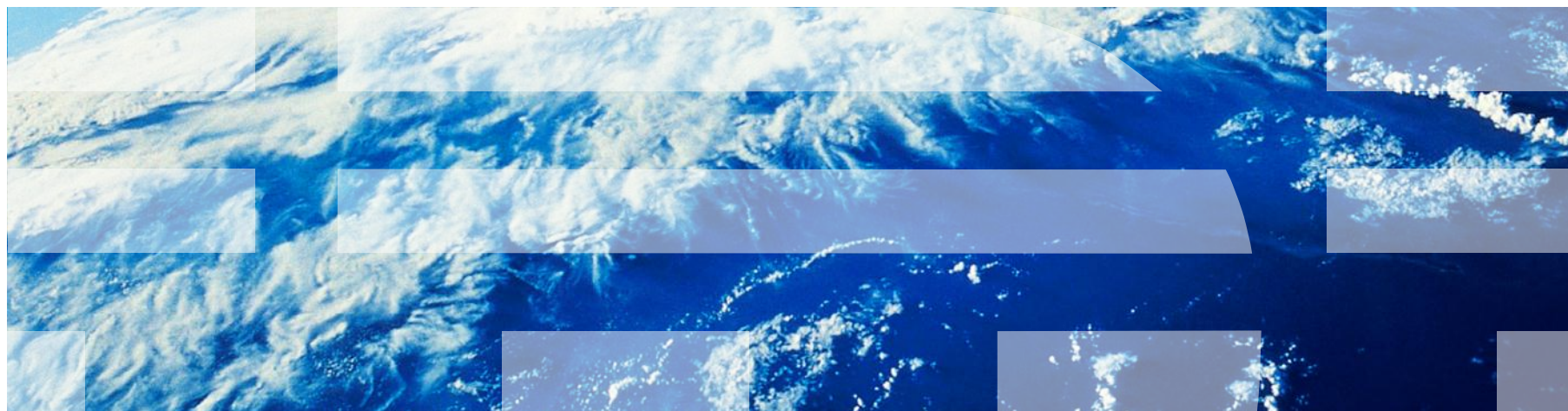


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Push Notifications



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What are *push notifications*?

- Push notification is the ability of a mobile device to receive messages that are *pushed* from a server.
- Notifications are received regardless of whether the application is currently running.
- Notifications can take several forms (and are platform-dependent):
 - **Alert:** a pop-up text message
 - **Badge, Tile:** a graphical representation that allows a short text or image
 - **Banner, Toast:** a disappearing pop-up text message at the top of the device display
 - **Sound alert**



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Device Support

- IBM Worklight® supports push notifications for the following mobile platforms:
 - Android (2.2 or later)
 - iOS
 - Windows Phone 8

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Notification architecture

Terminology

- **Event source**
 - A push notification channel to which mobile applications can register. An event source is defined within a Worklight adapter.
- **Device token**
 - A unique identifier, obtained from the push mediator (Apple, Google, or Microsoft), which identifies the request of a specific mobile device to receive notifications from the Worklight Server.
- **User ID**
 - A unique identifier for a Worklight user. Obtained through authentication or other unique identifier such as a persistent cookie.
- **Application ID**
 - Worklight application ID. Identifies a specific Worklight application on the mobile market.

Notification architecture

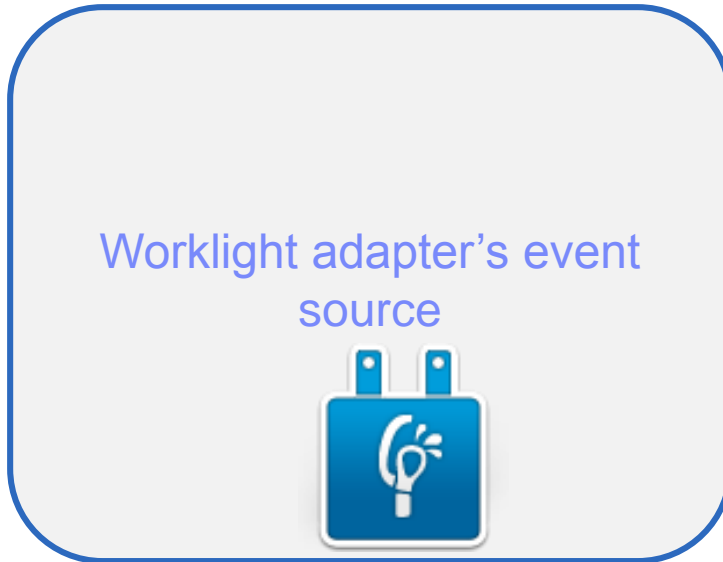
Subscription

- To start receiving push notifications, an application must first subscribe to a push notification *event source*.
- An event source is declared in the Worklight adapter that is used by the application for push notification services.
- The user must approve the push notification subscription.
- When the user approves, the device registers with an Apple, Google, or Microsoft push server to obtain a token that is used to identify the device (“Allow notifications for application X on device Y”), and sends a subscription request to the Worklight Server.
 - This operation is performed automatically by the IBM Worklight framework.

Notification architecture

Subscription

When the subscribe API is called, a device registers with a push service mediator and obtains a device token (done automatically by IBM Worklight).

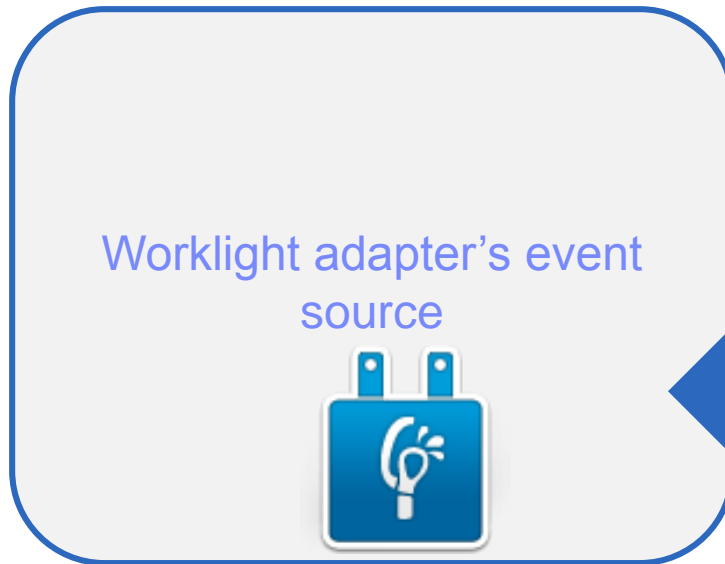


Notification architecture

Subscription

When the token is obtained, the application subscribes to an event source.

Both actions are done automatically by using a single API call as described later.



Notification architecture

Sending notifications

- IBM Worklight provides a unified push notifications API.
- The Adapter API allows:
 - Managing subscriptions
 - Pushing and polling notifications from backend
 - Sending push notifications to devices
- The Application API allows:
 - Subscribing to and unsubscribing from push notifications event sources
 - Handling arriving notifications

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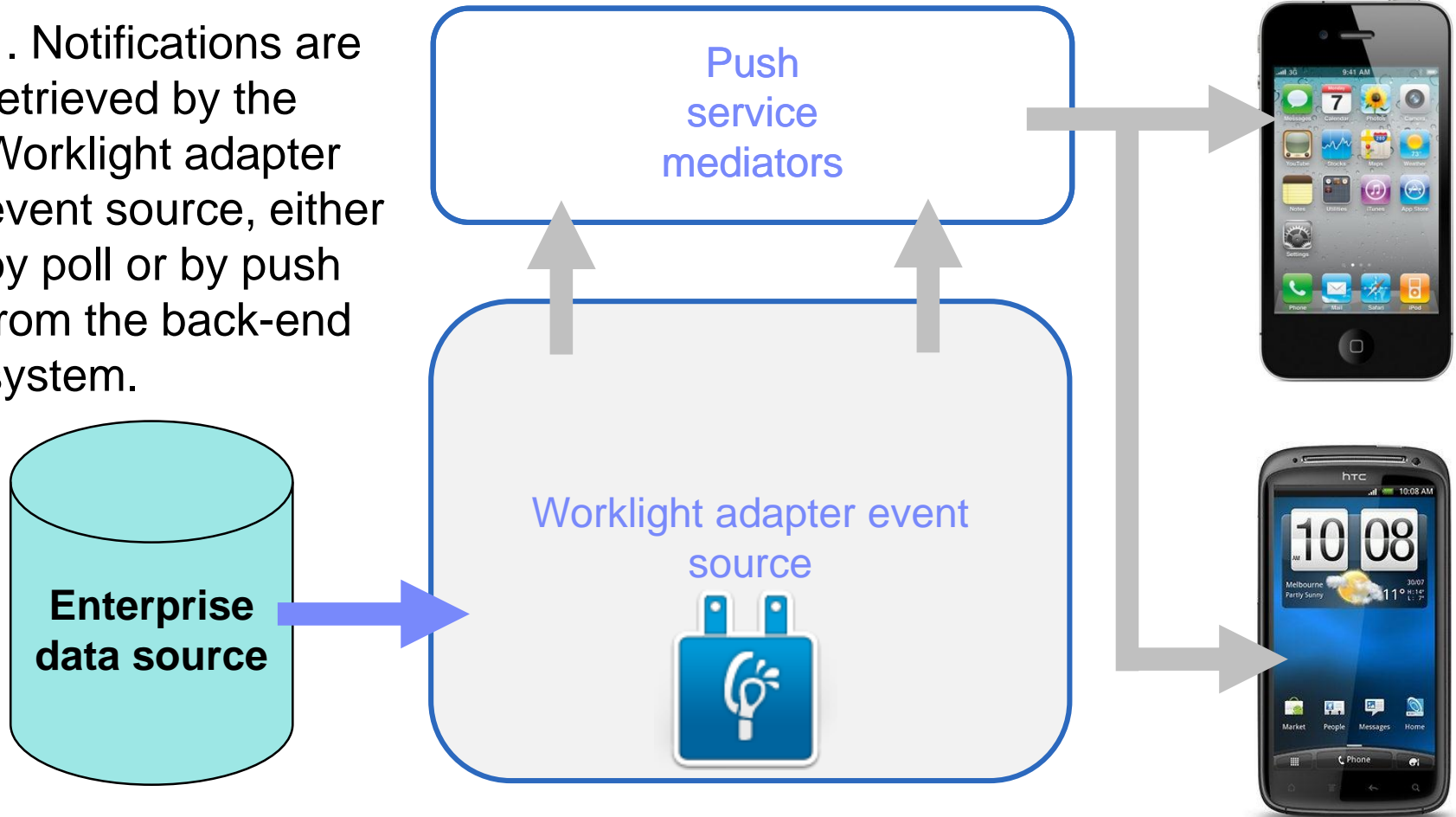
Sending notifications

- To send a notification, this notification must first be retrieved from the backend.
- An event source can either poll notifications from the back-end system , or wait for the back-end system to explicitly push a new notification.
- When a notification is retrieved by the adapter, it is processed and sent through the corresponding push service mediator (Apple, Google, or Microsoft).
- Additional custom logic can be added in the adapter to pre-process notifications.
- The push service mediator receives the notification and sends it to a device.

Notification architecture

Sending notifications

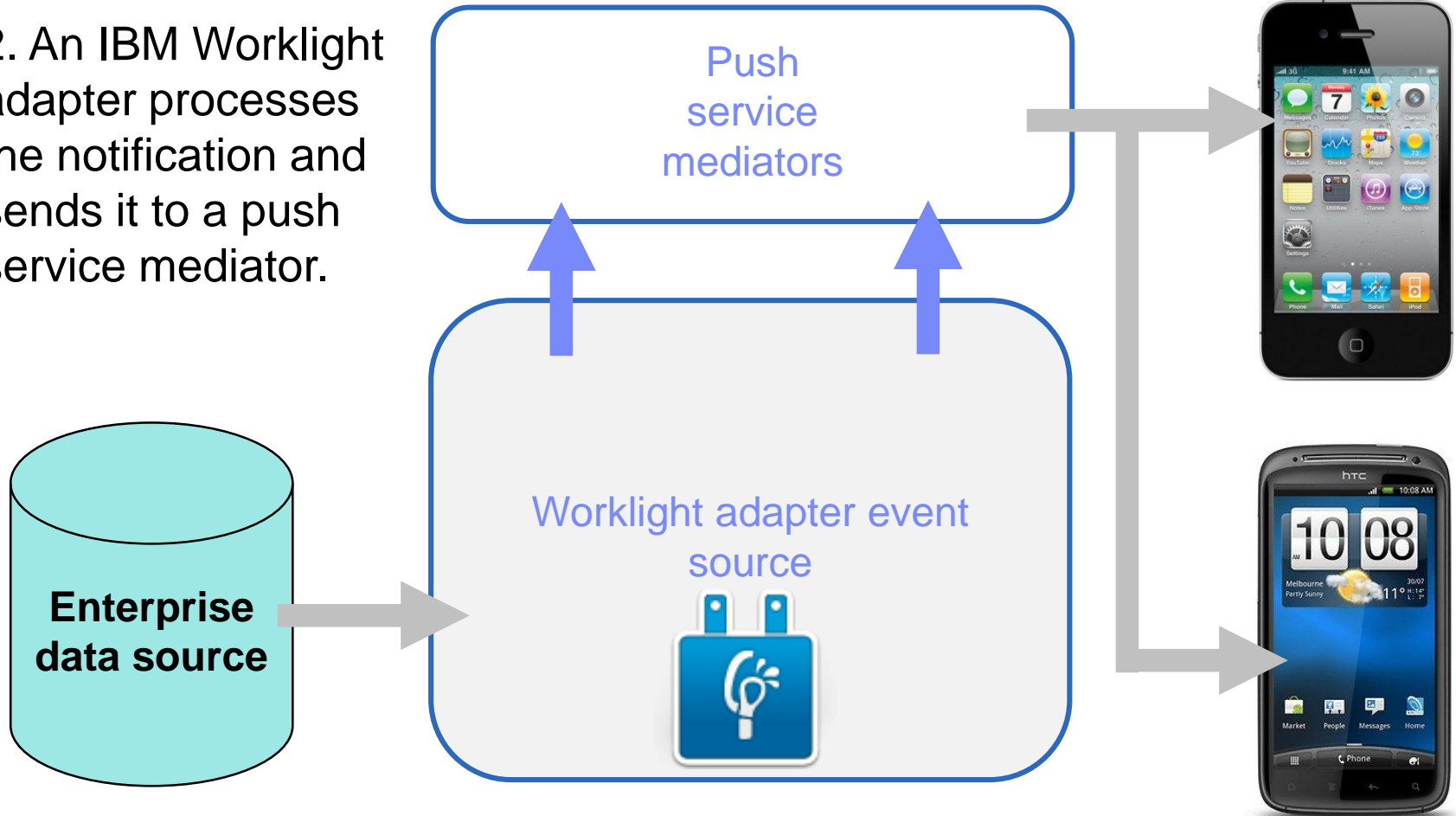
1. Notifications are retrieved by the Worklight adapter event source, either by poll or by push from the back-end system.



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Sending notifications

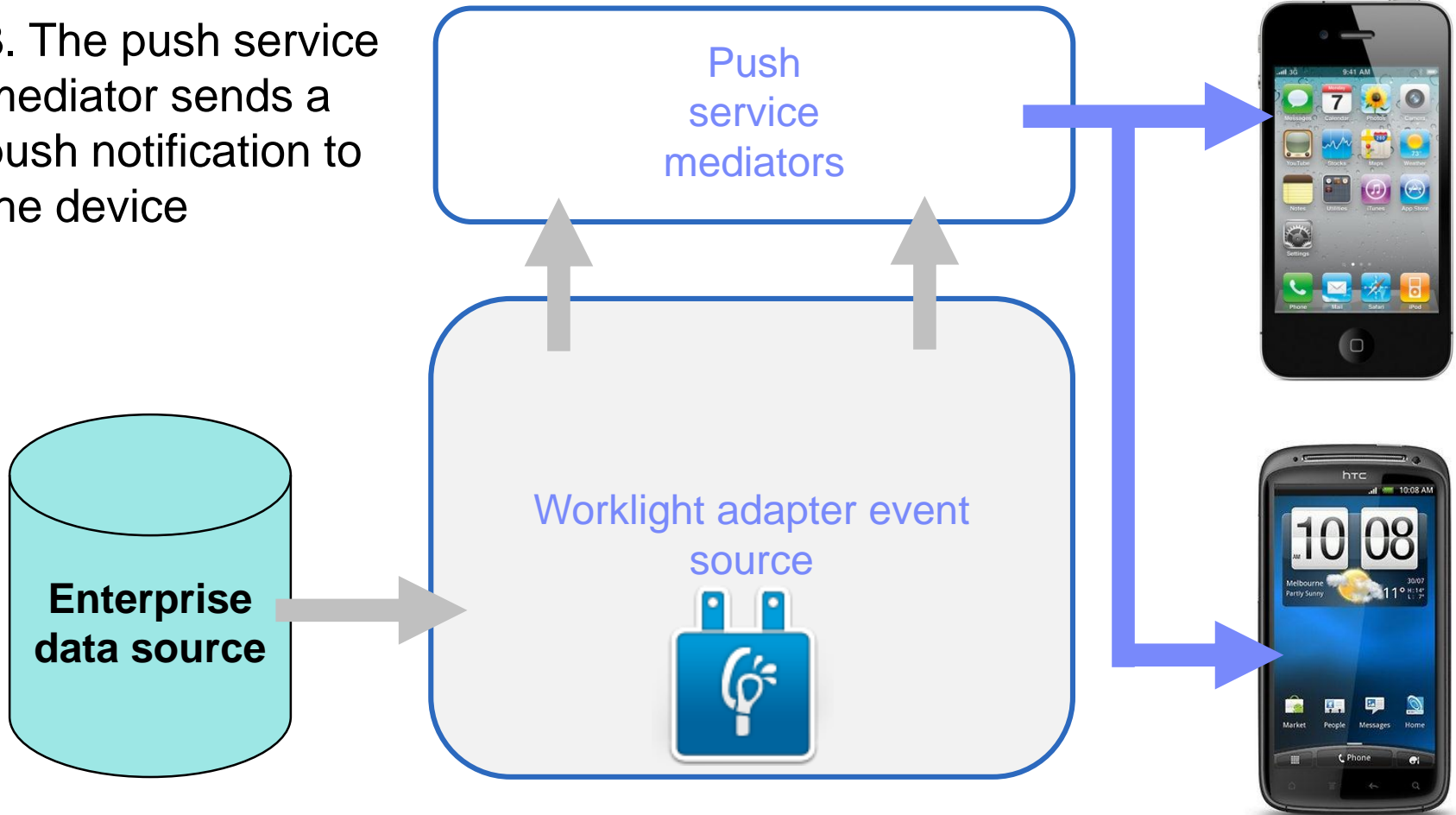
2. An IBM Worklight adapter processes the notification and sends it to a push service mediator.



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Sending notifications

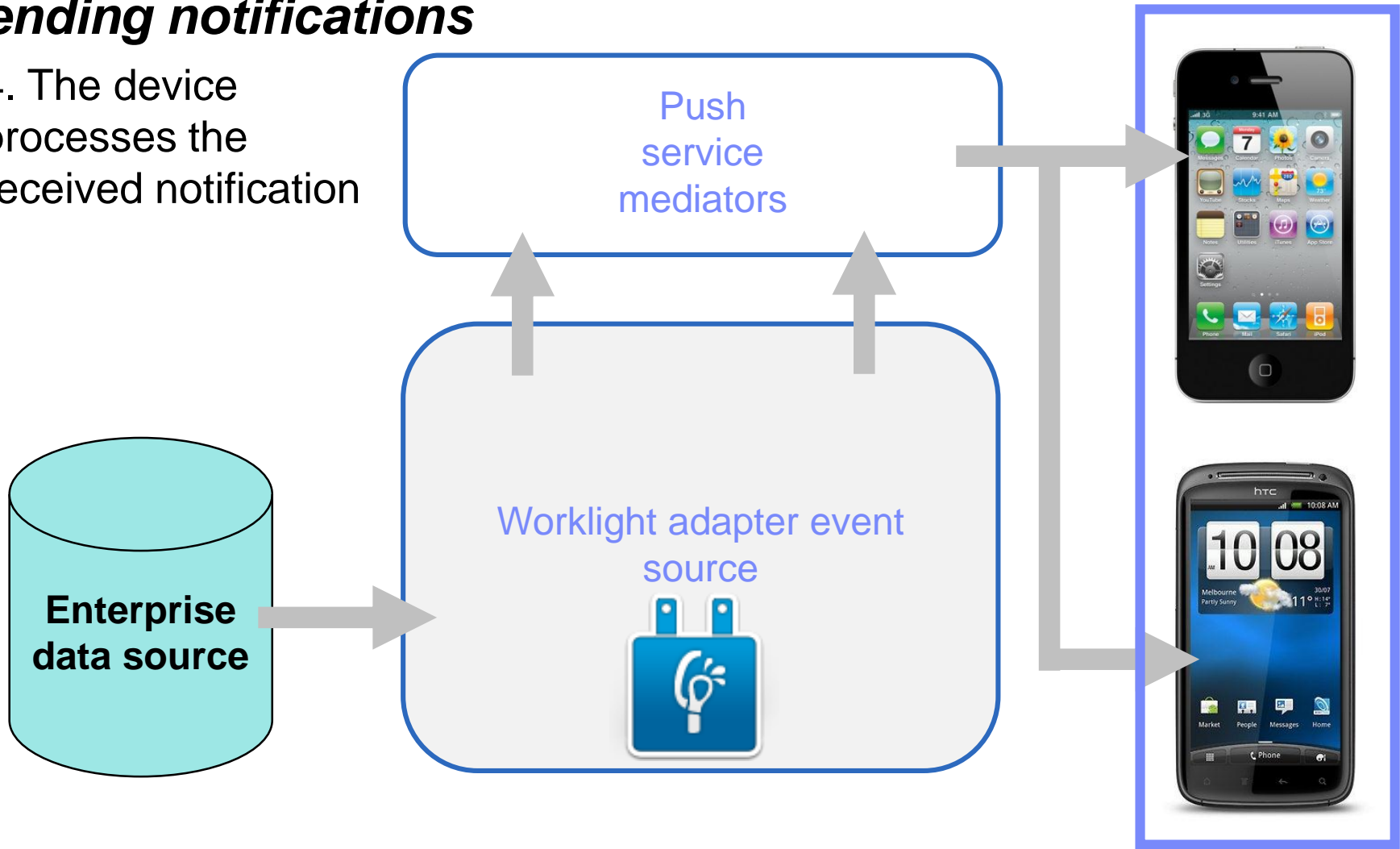
3. The push service mediator sends a push notification to the device



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Sending notifications

4. The device processes the received notification



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Subscription management

User subscription

- **User subscription**
 - An entity that contains a user ID, a device ID and an event source ID. It represents the intent of the user to receive notification from a specific event source.
- **Creation**
 - The user subscription for an event source is created when the user first subscribes to the event source from any device.
- **Deletion**
 - A user subscription is deleted when the user unsubscribes from the event source from all his or her devices.
- **Notification**
 - While the user subscription exists, the Worklight Server can produce push notifications for the subscribed user. These notifications can be delivered by the adapter code to all or some of the devices that the user has subscribed from.

Subscription management

Device subscription

- A device subscription belongs to a user subscription, and exists in the scope of a specific user and event source. A user subscription can have several device subscriptions.
- The device subscription is created when the application on a device calls **WL.Client.Push.subscribe()**.
- The device subscription is deleted either by an application that calls **WL.Client.Push.unsubscribe()**, or when the push mediator informs the Worklight Server that the device is permanently not accessible.

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Notification API - Server side

- Start by creating an event source:
 - Declare a notification event source in the adapter JavaScript code at a global level (outside any JavaScript function).

Notifications are pushed by the back end Notifications are polled from the back end

```
WL.Server.createEventSource({
  name: 'PushEventSource',
  onDeviceSubscribe: 'deviceSubscribeFunc',
  onDeviceUnsubscribe: 'deviceUnsubscribeFunc',
  securityTest: 'PushApplication-strong-mobile-se
});
```

```
WL.Server.createEventSource({
  name: 'PushEventSource',
  onDeviceSubscribe: 'deviceSubscribeFunc',
  onDeviceUnsubscribe: 'deviceUnsubscribeFunc',
  securityTest: 'PushApplication-strong-mobile-securityTest',
  poll: {
    interval: 3,
    onPoll: getNotificationsFromBackend
  }
});
```

- name** – a name by which the Event Source is referenced
- onDeviceSubscribe** – an adapter function that is invoked when the user subscription request is received
- onDeviceUnsubscribe** – an adapter function that is invoked when the user unsubscribe request is received
- securityTest** – a security test from **authenticationConfig.xml** that is used to protect the event source

Notification API - Server side

- Start by creating an event source:
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  poll: {
    interval: 3,
    onPoll: getNotificationsFromBackend
  }
});
```

- **poll** – a method that will be used for notification retrieval
 - The following parameters are required:
 - **interval** – polling interval in seconds
 - **onPoll** – polling implementation – an adapter function to be invoked at specified intervals

Notification API - Server side

- Send a notification:

```
function submitNotification(userId, notificationText){
    var userSubscription =
        WL.Server.getUserNotificationSubscription('PushAdapter.PushEventSource', userId);

    if (userSubscription==null){
        return { result: "No subscription found for user :: " + userId };
    }

    var deviceSubscriptions =
        userSubscription.getDeviceSubscriptions();

    WL.Logger.debug("submitNotification >> userId :: " + userId);

    var notification = WL.Server.createDefaultNotification(notif
    WL.Server.notifyAllDevices(userSubscription, notification);

    return { result: "Notification sent to user :: " + userId };
}
```

As described previously, notifications can be either polled from the back-end system, or pushed by one. In this example, a **submitNotifications()** adapter function is invoked by a back-end system as an external API to send notifications.

Notification API - Server side

- Send a notification:
 - Obtain notification data

```
function submitNotification(userId, notificationText){
  var userSubscription =
    WL.Server.getUserNotificationSubscription('PushAdapter.PushEventSource', userId);

  if (userSubscription==null){
    return { result: "No subscription found for user :: " + userId };
  }

  var deviceSubscriptions =
    userSubscription.getDeviceSubscriptions();

  WL.Logger.debug("submitNotification >> userId :: " + userId);

  var notification = WL.Server.createDefaultNotification(notificationText);
  WL.Server.notifyAllDevices(userSubscription, notification);

  return { result: "Notification sent to user :: " + userId };
}
```



The `submitNotification` function receives the **userId** to send notification to and the **notificationText**. These arguments are provided by a back-end system that invokes this function.

Notification API - Server side

- Send a notification:
 - Retrieve the active user and use it to get the user's subscription data

```
function submitNotification(userId, notificationText){
  var userSubscription =
    WL.Server.getUserNotificationSubscription('PushAdapter.PushEventSource', userId);

  if (userSubscription==null){
    return { result: "No subscription found for user :: " + userId };
  }

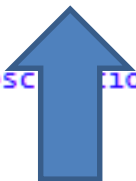
  var deviceSubscriptions =
    userSubscription.getDeviceSubscriptions();

  WL.Logger.debug("submitNotification > ");

  var notification = WL.Server.createDeviceNotification(notificationText);

  WL.Server.notifyAllDevices(userSubscription, notification);

  return { result: "Notification sent to " + userId };
}
```



A user subscription object contains the information about all of the user's subscriptions. Each user subscription can have several device subscriptions. The object structure is as follows:

```
{
  userId: 'bjones',
  state: {
    customField: 3
  },
  getDeviceSubscriptions: function(){}
};
```

Notification API - Server side

- Send a notification:
 - Retrieve the user subscription data

```
function submitNotification(userId, notificationText){
    var userSubscription =
        WL.Server.getUserNotificationSubscription('PushAdapter.PushEventSource', userId);

    if (userSubscription==null){
        return { result: "No subscription found for user :: " + userId };
    }


    var deviceSubscriptions =
        userSubscription.getDeviceSubscriptions();

    WL.Logger.debug("submitNotification >> userId :: " + userId);

    var notification = WL.Server.createDefaultNotification(notificationText);

    WL.Server.notifyAllDevices(userSubscription, notification);

    return { result: "Notification sent to user :: " + userId };
}
```



If the user has no subscriptions for the specified event source, a null object is returned.

Notification API - Server side

- Send a notification:
 - Retrieve the user subscription data

```
function submitNotification(userId, notificationText){
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    WL.Server.getUserNotificationSubscription('PushAdapte

  if (userSubscription==null){
    return { result: "No subscription found for user :: "
  }

  var deviceSubscriptions =
    userSubscription.getDeviceSubscriptions();

  WL.Logger.debug("sub Notification >> userId :: " + user

  var notification = WL.Server.createDefaultNotification(no

  WL.Server.notifyAllDevices(userSubscription, notification

  return { result: "Notification sent to user :: " + userId
}
```

Separate subscription data for each of the user's devices can be obtained by using the **getDeviceSubscriptions** API. The result is an array of objects with the following structure:

```
[
  {
    alias: "myPush",
    device: "4AooAq83gUSoas.....",
    token: 'KQz0srTUXs0qh.....',
    applicationId: 'PushApp',
    platform: 'Android',
    options: {
      customOption: 'aaa',
      alert: true,
      badge: true,
      sound: true
    }
  }
]
```

Notification API - Server side

- Send a notification:
 - Send notification to the users device or devices

```
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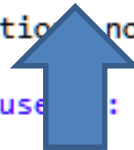
    WL.Logger.debug("submitNotification >> userId: " + userId + ", text: " + notificationText);

    var notification = WL.Server.createDefaultNotification(notificationText, 3, {foo : 'bar'});

    WL.Server.notifyAllDevices(userSubscription, notification);

    return { result: "Notification sent to user: " + userId };
}
```

WL.Server.createDefaultNotification
API creates and returns a default
notification JSON block for the supplied
values.



Notification API - Server side

- Send a notification:
 - Send notification to the users device or devices

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    var deviceSubscriptions =
        userSubscription.getDeviceSubscriptions();

    WL.Logger.debug("submitNotification >> userId :: " + userId + ",
        notificationText, 3, {foo : 'bar'});

    WL.Server.notifyAllDevices(userSubscription, notification);

    return { result: "Notification sent to user :: " + userId };
}
```

The Text to be pushed to the device



Notification API - Server side

- Send a notification:
 - Send notification to the users device or devices

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    WL.Server.notifyAllDevices(userSubscription, notification);

    return { result: "Notification sent to user :: " + userId };
}
```

Badge number that will be displayed on the application icon or tile (in environments that support it)



Notification API - Server side

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 - Send notification to the users device or devices

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    var notification = WL.Server.createDefaultNotification(notificationText, 3, {foo : 'bar'});

    WL.Server.notifyAllDevices(userSubscription, notification);

    return { result: "Notification sent to user :: " + userId };
}
```

Payload is a JSON object that is transferred to the application and that can contain custom properties.



Notification API - Server side

- Send a notification:
 - Send notification to the users device or devices

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    var notification = WL.Server.createDefaultNotification(notificationText, 3, {foo : 'bar'});

    WL.Server.notifyAllDevices(userSubscription, notification);

    return { result: "Notification sent to user :: " + userId };
}
```

WL.Server.notifyAllDevices
API sends notification to all
the devices that are
subscribed to the user.



Notification API - Server side

- Several APIs exist for notification sending.
 - Use **WL.Server.notifyAllDevices(userSubscription, options)** to send notification to all a user's devices (see previous slide).
 - Use **WL.Server.notifyDevice(userSubscription, device, options)** to send notification to a specific device that belongs to a specific userSubscription.
 - Use **WL.Server.notifyDeviceSubscription(deviceSubscription, options)** to send the notification to a specific device.

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Notification API - Client side

- Event Source – registration
 - The first task is to register an event source within the application.
 - IBM Worklight provides the customizable **onReadyToSubscribe** function that is used to register an event source.
 - Always set up your **onReadyToSubscribe** function on a global JavaScript level.
 - **onReadyToSubscribe** is invoked when the authentication finishes.
 - The API is: **WL.Client.Push.registerEventSourceCallback(alias, adapterName, eventName, callbackFunction)**

```
WL.Client.Push.onReadyToSubscribe = function(){
    WL.Client.Push.registerEventSourceCallback(
        "myPush",
        "PushAdapter",
        "PushEventSource",
        pushNotificationReceived);
};
```

Notification API - Client side

- Event Source – subscribing and unsubscribing
 - A user must be authenticated to subscribe.
 - Use the following API to subscribe to the event source:

```
function subscribeButtonClicked(){
    WL.Client.Push.subscribe("myPush", {
        onSuccess: pushSubscribe_Callback,
        onFailure: pushSubscribe_Callback
    });
}

function pushSubscribe_Callback(response){
    alert("PushSubscribe_Callback invoked");
}
```

- **WL.Client.Push.subscribe()** receives the following parameters:
 - An **alias** that is declared in **WL.Client.Push.registerEventSourceCallback**
 - Optional **onSuccess** callback
 - Optional **onFailure** callback
- Callbacks receive a response object if one is required.

Notification API - Client side

- Event Source – subscribing and unsubscribing
 - Use the following API to unsubscribe from the event source:

```
function unsubscribeButtonClicked(){
    WL.Client.Push.unsubscribe("myPush", {
        onSuccess: pushUnsubscribe_Callback,
        onFailure: pushUnsubscribe_Callback
    });
}

function pushUnsubscribe_Callback(response){
    alert("pushUnsubscribe_Callback invoked");
}
```

- **WL.Client.Push.unsubscribe()** receives the following parameters:
 - An **alias** that is declared in **WL.Client.Push.registerEventSourceCallback**
 - Optional **onSuccess** callback
 - Optional **onFailure** callback
- Callbacks receive a response object if one is required.

Notification API - Client side

- Additional client side API methods:
 - **WL.Client.Push.isPushSupported()** – returns true if push notifications are supported by the platform, and false otherwise.
 - **WL.Client.Push.isSubscribed(alias)** – returns whether the currently logged-in user is subscribed to a specified event source alias.
- When a push notification is received by a device, the callback function defined in **WL.Client.Push.registerEventSourceCallback** is invoked. It receives the following arguments:

```
function pushNotificationReceived(props, payload){  
    alert("pushNotificationReceived invoked");  
    alert("props :: " + Object.toJSON(props));  
    alert("payload :: " + Object.toJSON(payload));  
}
```

- If the application was in background mode (or inactive) when the push notification arrived, this callback function is invoked when the application returns to foreground.

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Setup - Guidelines

- Setting up push notifications depends on the platforms, as indicated in this slide and subsequent ones.

Android

- To send push notifications to Android devices, you must use the Google Cloud Messaging (GCM) service.
- You need a valid Gmail account to register to Google's GCM.
 - For more information about how to get a GCM key and a **senderId** (to use in the Worklight project), see <http://developer.android.com/guide/google/gcm/gs.html>
- Android OS 2.2.x/2.3.x devices must be synchronized with a Gmail account.
- Android OS 4.x does not impose Gmail account synchronization.

Setup - Guidelines

iOS

- To send push notifications to iOS devices, you must use the Apple Push Notifications Service (APNS).
- You must be a registered Apple iOS Developer to obtain an Apple APNS certificate for your application. **An APNS certificate must have a non-blank password.**
- When you are in development, rename your certificate file to **apns-certificate-sandbox.p12** and place it in the environment root folder or in the application root folder. **The environment root folder takes the highest priority.**
- When you move to production, rename your certificate file to **apns-certificate-production.p12** and place it in the environment root folder or in the application root folder. **The environment root folder takes the highest priority.**
- When the hybrid application has both iPhone and iPad environments, it requires separate certificates for push notification. In that case, place those certificates in the corresponding environment folders.

Setup - Guidelines

Windows Phone 8

- To send push notifications to Windows Phone 8 devices, you must use the Microsoft Push Notifications Service (MPNS).
- Non-authenticated push notification does not require any setup from the developer.
- Authenticated push notification requires a Windows Phone Dev Center account.
- To use authenticated push, you must use a certificate that is issued by a Microsoft-trusted root certificate authority.
- *For production, consider using authenticated push notification to ensure that your information is not comprised. Consider using non-authenticated push only for development-time.*

Setup - Guidelines

- The following servers must be accessible from a Worklight Server to send push notifications:
- **iOS:**
 - Sandbox servers:
 - gateway.sandbox.push.apple.com:2195
 - feedback.sandbox.push.apple.com:2196
 - Production servers:
 - gateway.push.apple.com:2195
 - Feedback.push.apple.com:2196
- **Android:**
 - The ports to open are: 5228, 5229, and 5230. GCM typically only uses 5228, but it sometimes uses 5229 and 5230.
 - GCM doesn't provide specific IP addresses, so you should allow your firewall to accept outgoing connections to all IP addresses contained in the IP blocks listed in Google's ASN of 15169.

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Windows Phone 8:

- No specific ports needs to be open in your server configuration. MPNS uses regular `http` or `https` requests.

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Setup – Project configuration

- To set up push notifications in an application, add the following lines to the `application-descriptor.xml` file.
- These settings are also editable with the Application Descriptor Editor in Design mode.

- **Android:**

```
<android version="1.0">  
  <pushSender key="GCM_key" senderId="GCM_ID"/>
```

- Replace **GCM_Key** and **GCM_ID** with the values as received from GCM.

- **iOS:**

```
<iphone bundleId="com.PushNotificationsApp" version="1.0">  
  <pushSender password="certificate_password"/>
```

- Place the Apple APNS certificate file at the root of the application folder or environment folder (see slide 47).
- Replace **certificate password** with your actual certificate password.

Setup – Project configuration

- **Windows Phone 8:**
- To set up non-authenticated push:

```
<windowsPhone8 version="1.0">  
  <uuid>11578325-b204-42f5-acac-895430ffa09d</uuid>  
  <pushSender/>  
</windowsPhone8>
```

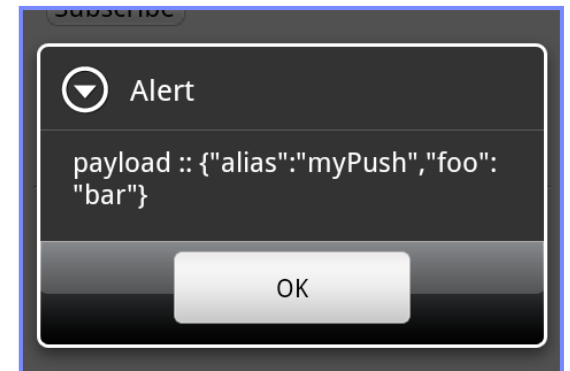
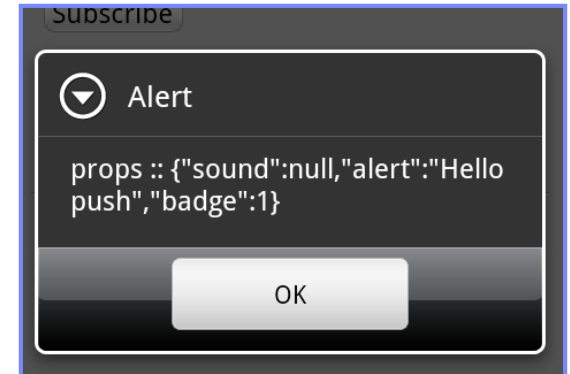
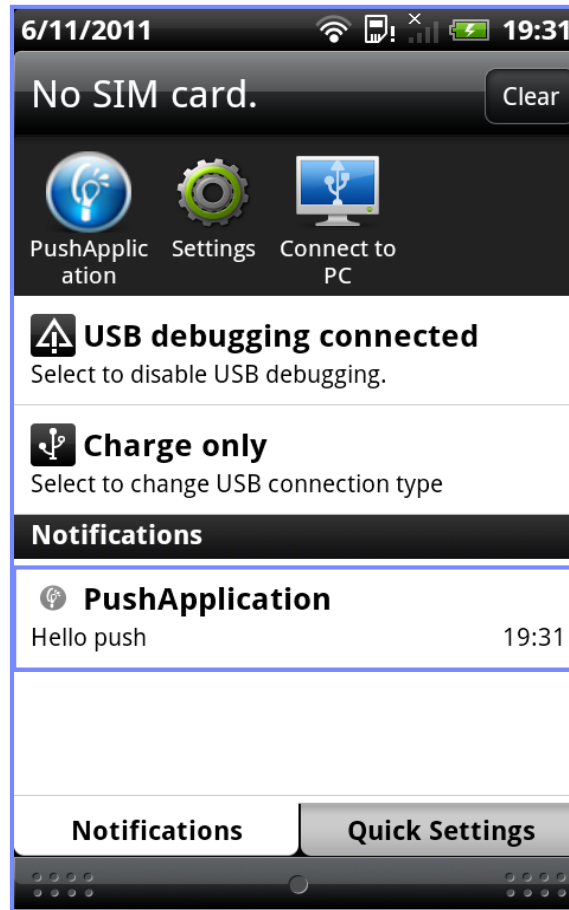
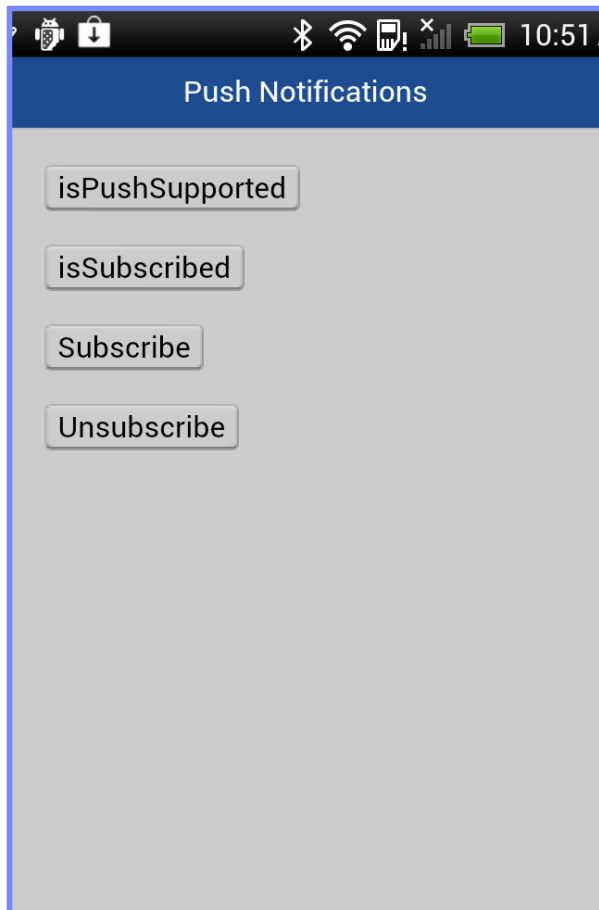
- To set up authenticated push:

```
<windowsPhone8 version="1.0">  
  <uuid>11578325-b204-42f5-acac-895430ffa09d</uuid>  
  <pushSender>  
    <authenticatedPush keyAlias="myAliasName" keyAliasPassword="myAliasPassword" serviceName="certificateCommonName"/>  
  </pushSender>  
</windowsPhone8>
```

- For more information about how to use the certificate file in the Worklight project, follow the instructions that are provided in the IBM Worklight user documentation, under the “Windows Phone 8 push notifications” topic.

The Result

- The sample for this training module can be found in the Getting Started page of the IBM Worklight documentation website at <http://www.ibm.com/mobile-docs>



Back end emulator

- The sample for this training module comes with a backend emulator that you can use to simulate push notification submissions by a back-end system.
- To run the backend emulator, open the **PushBackendEmulator** folder of the sample project in a command prompt, and then run the supplied JAR file by using the following syntax:

```
java -jar PushBackendEmulator.jar <userId> <notificationText> <context root> <serverPort-optional>
```

- **userId** is the user name you used to login to the sample application.
- **contextRoot** is the context root of your Worklight project
- For example:

```
java -jar PushBackendEmulator.jar JohnDoe "My first push notification" myContextRoot 10080
```

Backend emulator

- The backend emulator will try to connect to a Worklight Server and call a **submitNotification()** adapter procedure.
- It will output the invocation result to a command prompt console.
- Success:

```
c:\>java -jar C:\PushBackendEmulator.jar JohnDoe "hello push" PushNotificationsProject 10080
PushBackendEmulator
User Id: JohnDoe
Notification text: hello push
Server URL: http://localhost:10080/PushNotificationsProject
sending notification
Server response :: {  "isSuccessful": true,  "result": "Notification sent to user :: JohnDoe"}
```

- Failure:

```
c:\>java -jar C:\PushBackendEmulator.jar JohnMissing "hello push" PushNotificationsProject 10080
PushBackendEmulator
User Id: JohnMissing
Notification text: hello push
Server URL: http://localhost:10080/PushNotificationsProject
sending notification
Server response :: {  "isSuccessful": true,  "result": "No subscription found for user :: JohnMissing"}
```

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 - All of them
- A user has several devices, and is using the application from all of them. Is it possible to send a push notification to a specific device?
 - No, when Worklight server submits a push notification, it is delivered to all of the user's devices.
 - Yes, **userSubscription** contains **deviceSubscription** objects for each device that the user registered for push notifications from. It can be used to send notification to a specific device.
 - Yes, when Worklight server submits push notification, it will be delivered to the last device that a user logged in to.
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