Blackberry Web Services legacy SOAP API

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What are the BlackBerry Web Services?

BlackBerry UEM offers a collection of REST APIs and SOAP APIs that you can use to create apps to customize how your organization monitors and manages a BlackBerry UEM domain. You can use the APIs to automate many tasks that administrators typically perform using the UEM management console. For example, you can create an app that automates the process of creating user accounts, adds users to multiple groups, and manages users' devices. Both API collections are installed with BlackBerry UEM.

Note:
The BlackBerry Web Services SOAP APIs are still supported and released with every version of BlackBerry UEM, but are officially in maintenance mode. See the BlackBerry Web Services 12.9 SOAP API reference for complete information about the supported legacy SOAP APIs. For information about the BlackBerry Dynamics SOAP APIs that are compatible with the BlackBerry Web Services SOAP APIs, see BlackBerry UEM compatibility with the BlackBerry Dynamics SOAP APIs.

If your organization uses the BlackBerry Web Services SOAP APIs, going forward BlackBerry recommends transitioning to the BlackBerry Web Services REST APIs. The REST APIs are updated with new functionality in every BlackBerry UEM release.

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| BlackBerry Web Services SOAP APIs | A collection of SOAP web services supported by BlackBerry UEM version 12.4 and later. The SOAP APIs provide your custom apps with access to a variety of UEM management features, including the ability to add and activate user accounts, assign profiles and IT policies, send commands to devices, and so on.  
The SOAP APIs also provide compatibility with key BlackBerry Dynamics SOAP APIs (GC SOAP and CAP SOAP) for UEM environments that have been integrated with a standalone Good Control server (for more information, see the Compatibility with BlackBerry Dynamics SOAP APIs Reference Guide). |
| BlackBerry UEM REST APIs          | A collection of REST APIs supported by BlackBerry UEM version 12.6 and later. The REST APIs offer custom apps access to a growing list of UEM management features using a RESTful endpoint structure that is accessed using HTTP.  
You can use REST APIs to manage user accounts, apps, activation passwords, email templates, profiles, and more. The list of available REST APIs will continue to grow with each UEM release. For more information about the REST APIs, see "Getting Started with REST" on the Inside BlackBerry Developer Blog.  
The REST APIs offer improved performance compared to SOAP and provide full support for JSON objects (requests and returns are formatted in JSON).  
Many of the EMM functions offered by Good Control are now available as REST calls. |

Note: The rest of this guide takes you through the setup and use of the BlackBerry Web Services SOAP APIs. The information you need to get started with the REST APIs can be found in the BlackBerry UEM REST API Reference. You can also see the "Getting Started Guide for making web services calls" on the Inside BlackBerry Developer Blog.
To use the REST APIs or SOAP APIs, you should be proficient in one of the supported programming languages and related concepts. For the SOAP APIs, you should be familiar with the use of SOAP, XML, and WSDL, and for the REST APIs you should be familiar with REST calls and JSON. You should also be familiar with the configuration and administration of UEM, including the management of user accounts, groups, IT policies, profiles, and security settings.

### Benefits of the BlackBerry Web Services SOAP APIs

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| Programmatic access to common management tasks      | You can use the BlackBerry Web Services to develop applications that manage the BlackBerry UEM domain, user accounts, and all supported devices. You can develop applications that automate and combine several tasks that administrators would typically perform using the management console.  
  
  The BlackBerry Web Services use SOAP to communicate with authenticated applications. SOAP is platform-independent, which makes it easier to integrate your new applications with existing applications.  
  
  A request may require authentication from an administrator account before it can be completed. The roles and permissions that are associated with the administrator account determine what APIs the application can use, and what management tasks the application can perform. For example, if you create an application to add user accounts to BlackBerry UEM, the administrator account that the application uses must have permission to create users.  
  
  To run a BlackBerry Web Services app, computers must have authenticated access to the BlackBerry UEM domain. |
| Backward and forward compatibility using abstracted data objects | The BlackBerry Web Services use abstracted data objects. Abstracted data objects make application development easier because they separate the implementation of data elements from the interface.  
  
  The benefit to using these objects is that your apps don’t require any changes when you install a new version of BlackBerry UEM. |
| Security                                             | The BlackBerry Web Services is accessible using the HTTPS protocol. HTTPS provides secure communication, which helps protect your organization’s environment from passive and active network attacks while you perform administrative tasks. |
| Logging                                              | The BlackBerry Web Services write information about API activity to log files. You can use these log files to troubleshoot and debug any issues your app has with requests.  
  
  Event logs are stored with the core BlackBerry UEM logs, the location of which is configured during installation. For more information about logs, see the [BlackBerry UEM Administration Guide](#). |
Capabilities in comparison to the management console

The BlackBerry Web Services SOAP APIs provide access to a subset of the common tasks that administrators can perform using the management console. The sections below describe some of the management tasks that you can and cannot perform using BlackBerry Web Services.

For detailed information about all management tasks, see the BlackBerry UEM Administration Guide.

Actions supported by BlackBerry Web Services SOAP APIs

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<td>• Assign a software configuration or remove a software configuration from a group</td>
<td>• Retrieve detailed information about the server instances</td>
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<td>• Assign a software configuration or remove a software configuration from users</td>
<td>• Look up high availability pools</td>
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### IT Policies
- Look up IT policies
- Retrieve information about IT policy rules
- Assign an IT policy or remove an IT policy to a group
- Assign an IT policy or remove an IT policy from users
- Resend an IT policy to users

### VPN profiles
- Look up VPN profiles
- Assign a VPN profile or remove a VPN profile from a group

### Wi-Fi profiles
- Look up Wi-Fi profiles
- Assign a Wi-Fi profile or remove a Wi-Fi profile from a group

### Email profiles
- Look up email profiles
- Assign an email profile to a user and define email settings
- Remove an email profile from a user

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### Actions not supported by BlackBerry Web Services

#### Users and roles
- Create, change, or delete an administrative role
- Assign or remove a role from an existing administrator account

#### Applications
- Create, change, or delete a software configuration
- Make applications available to distribute to users
- Configure how applications are distributed to devices

#### Device activation and control
- Activate a device
- Configure the work space for BlackBerry devices
- Create, change, or delete IT policies or work space IT policies

#### Wi-Fi profiles
- Create, change, or delete a Wi-Fi profile
- Assign or remove a Wi-Fi profile from users

#### VPN profiles
- Create, change, or delete a VPN profile
- Associate a VPN profile with a Wi-Fi profile
- Assign or remove a VPN profile from users

#### Other profiles
- Create, change, or delete an email profile
- Perform any actions with SCEP or proxy profiles
Architecture: BlackBerry Web Services

SOAP APIs and REST APIs

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Client application

A custom app that you can develop and integrate with the available SOAP APIs or REST APIs to manage user accounts and devices that are associated with BlackBerry UEM. Your apps use the credentials of an administrator account to authenticate with BlackBerry UEM.

BlackBerry UEM Core

The BlackBerry UEM Core is the central component of the BlackBerry UEM architecture and consists of several subcomponents that are responsible for:

- Logging, monitoring, reporting, and management functions
- Authentication and authorization services for the BlackBerry UEM Core local directory and company directories
- Scheduling and sending commands, policies, and profiles to the devices

If there are multiple BlackBerry UEM instances in the domain, all the BlackBerry UEM Core instances are active and each of them can connect to the BlackBerry Infrastructure and process traffic.

Management console

The management console is a web-based UI that you can use to:

- Complete post-installation configuration settings
- View and manage users, devices, policies, profiles, and apps
• View and manage system settings, including customizing the activation email message or adding an APNs certificate
• Move IT policies, profiles, groups, and users to BlackBerry UEM

**BlackBerry Router or TCP proxy**

The BlackBerry Router or a TCP proxy server is an optional component that acts as a proxy server for connections over the BlackBerry Infrastructure between BlackBerry UEM and devices.

**BlackBerry Infrastructure**

The BlackBerry Infrastructure registers user information for device activation and validates licensing information for BlackBerry UEM. Communication between the BlackBerry Infrastructure and BlackBerry UEM is authenticated and encrypted to provide a secure communication channel into your organization for devices outside the firewall.
## System requirements: Developing apps to use the BlackBerry Web Services SOAP APIs

To develop applications to use the BlackBerry Web Services SOAP APIs, verify that the following software is installed. Though other software might be supported, it's a best practice to follow the requirements listed below.

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<td>Integrated development environment (IDE)</td>
<td>• Microsoft Visual Studio 2005 - 2010</td>
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<td>Web service framework</td>
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<td>• Microsoft .NET Framework 2.0 or later</td>
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Configuring BlackBerry UEM for development

This section will take you through configuration tasks that will allow your custom apps to access the BlackBerry Web Services SOAP APIs.

You should install one or more instances of BlackBerry UEM to use specifically for testing and debugging your applications. Using a test environment can prevent accidental changes to your organization's production environment. The version of the test UEM instance should match the version used in your production environment, to ensure that the features and functionality of the BlackBerry Web Services SOAP APIs remain the same.

Verify that your development computer has network access to the computers that host the BlackBerry UEM components.

When you are ready to implement your applications in your organization's production environment, consider using a trusted certificate that is signed by a certification authority.

For more information about installing and configuring BlackBerry UEM, see the BlackBerry UEM Installation and Upgrade Guide and the BlackBerry UEM Administration Guide.

Add the BlackBerry UEM domain as a trusted authority

You must add the SSL certificate of the BlackBerry UEM domain to the Trusted Root Certification Authorities certificate store on your computer. The BlackBerry UEM setup application creates a self-signed SSL certificate during installation. The administrator can replace the self-signed certificate at any time with a trusted certificate signed by a CA.

Your app uses the SSL certificate to authenticate with the BlackBerry Web Services SOAP APIs. You can obtain the certificate from the management console.

Microsoft Visual Studio can access the self-signed certificate in the certificate store that Internet Explorer uses.

Note:

• The following steps can be completed using Internet Explorer 11. Depending on the version of the browser that you're using, the steps might differ. For information about adding certificates using other browsers or versions, see the help for that browser.

• In previous releases of BlackBerry UEM and BES12, the BlackBerry Web Services certificate included the domain name in the Common Name. This practice is no longer supported by certain browsers. For BlackBerry UEM 12.6 MR3 and later, the domain name is now in the SAN of the BlackBerry Web Services certificate. If you upgraded to 12.6 MR3 and your organization has apps that use the BlackBerry Web Services SOAP APIs, you must add the certificate to the trust store again.

1. Run Internet Explorer as an administrator.
2. In the address bar, type the URL for the server where the BlackBerry UEM Core is installed. The address is https://<BlackBerry_UEM_Core_server_name>:<port>/enterprise/admin/util/ws?wsdl, where <server_name> is the FQDN of the computer that hosts the BlackBerry UEM Core. The default port value is 18084. To check the ports that the BlackBerry UEM setup application assigned, see the UEM Installation and upgrade content.
3. Click Continue to the website (not recommended).
4. On the address bar, click Certificate error.
5. Click View Certificates.
6. Click Certification Path.
7. Click on the root certificate.
8. Click View Certificate.
9. Click Install Certificate.
10. Click Next.
11. Select Place all certificates in the following store. Click Browse.
12. Click Trusted Root Certification Authorities. Click OK.
13. Click Next.
14. Click Finish.
15. Click Yes to install the certificate.

Creating administrator accounts that your applications can use

When your app makes calls to the BlackBerry Web Services SOAP APIs, the app must use the login information of a BlackBerry UEM administrator account to authenticate with UEM and authorize its use of the API. You can create an administrator account that is reserved specifically for your custom applications, or you can use an existing account.

Determine the administrative tasks that you want your application to perform, and identify the SOAP APIs that you want your application to use. After you identify the tasks, you can determine the appropriate roles for the administrator account that your application will use. For example, if you want your application to create user accounts, the application needs to use an administrator account that has a role with the Create a user permission. Select a predefined role with the required permissions, or create and assign a custom role. For the security and stability of your domain, you should use a role that is limited to the required permissions. When you develop and test your application, you can modify the role as necessary. To review the list of permissions for predefined roles, see the BlackBerry UEM Administration Guide.

Create a BlackBerry UEM administrator account

Follow these steps in the BlackBerry UEM management console to create a new administrator account.

Before you begin:
- Only a Security Administrator can create an administrator account. Ask your organization’s BlackBerry UEM administrator to perform this task, or give you access to a Security Administrator account.
- Verify that you have a user account that you want to assign an administrator role to. The user account must have an email address associated with it.

1. Log in to the management console using an administrator account that has the Security Administrator role.
2. On the menu bar, click Settings > Administrators.
3. Click Users.
4. Click .
5. Search for and select the user account that you want to make an administrator.
6. In the Role drop-down list, click the role that you want to assign.
7. Click Save.

BlackBerry UEM sends a message to the email address associated with the user account containing the username and a link to the management console. BlackBerry UEM also sends a separate message with the password for the management console. If the user account does not have a console password, BlackBerry UEM generates a temporary password.

After you finish: If necessary, create a custom role and assign the custom role to the administrator. For more information about the roles required to use different SOAP APIs, see Administrative roles required for using SOAP APIs.
Generating the client proxy files

The BlackBerry Web Services SOAP APIs use WSDL files to describe the classes that they expose. To integrate your applications with the BlackBerry Web Services, you must use a proxy generator to generate the client proxy files for the BWS and BWSUtil interfaces.

The BWS and BWSUtil proxy files must be stored together as a combined set of proxy classes in a single source file.

Each release of the BlackBerry Web Services SOAP APIs may introduce new features and functionality, improvements to existing features, and bug fixes. You should generate and use a new set of proxy files whenever your organization implements a new version of BlackBerry UEM, so that your application can leverage the most recent improvements and fixes.

Generate the proxy files for the BWS and BWSUtil web services

To avoid duplication type compiler errors, merge all of the generated proxy files for the BWS and BWSUtil web services into a single proxy file.

**Before you begin:** Create a folder to store the merged proxy file (for example, C:\Temp\BWSproxy).

1. Run the command prompt as an administrator.
2. Type `cd <file_path>`, where `<file_path>` is the path of the bin folder for your Microsoft SDKs. For example:
   ```
   cd C:\Program Files\Microsoft SDKs\Windows\v7.0A\bin
   ```
3. Press ENTER.
4. Type `wsdl /sharetypes /o:<proxy_path>\BWSService.cs https://<server_name>:<port>/enterprise/admin/ws?wsdl https://<server_name>:<port>/enterprise/admin/util/ws?wsdl`, where `<proxy_path>` is the path of the proxy files folder, `<server_name>` is the FQDN of the computer that hosts the BlackBerry UEM, and `<port>` is the BlackBerry Web Services port (default 18084).
   For example:
   ```
   ```
5. Press ENTER.

**After you finish:** New versions of the BlackBerry Web Services SOAP APIs are included with each release of BlackBerry UEM. If your organization's administrator upgrades BlackBerry UEM, repeat the steps above to generate an updated set of proxy files. You can add the new proxy files to a different file path and configure your development environment to use the new proxy files, or you can add the proxy files to the same file path to overwrite the previous set of proxy files.
Configuring your development environment

This section describes how to configure your development environment so that you can integrate your applications with the BlackBerry Web Services SOAP APIs.

Create a project

1. In Microsoft Visual Studio, on the File menu, click New > Project.
2. In the New Project dialog box, select the Visual C# project type and the Console Application template.
3. In the Name field, type a name for the project.
4. Click OK.

Import the BlackBerry Web Services proxy files to your project

Import the proxy files for the BWS and BWSUtil web services to make them available for use in your applications.

1. In Microsoft Visual Studio, in the Solution Explorer pane, right-click the project and click Add > Existing Item.
2. Navigate to the proxy file that you generated (for example, C:\Temp\BWSproxy\BWSService.cs).
3. Click Add.

Using BlackBerry Web Services APIs

The BlackBerry Web Services SOAP API reference describes the interfaces, classes, methods, and data types of the BlackBerry Web Services SOAP APIs. Navigate to the BWS and BWSUtil pages to view the details for each API.

To see some examples of how to use the APIs, visit https://github.com/blackberry/BWS-Samples to download sample apps for JavaC# and PowerShell. To read walkthroughs for the samples, see Sample walkthrough: Creating a user account and Sample walkthrough: Authenticating with the BlackBerry Web Services.

Administrative roles required for using SOAP APIs

An API request can only be completed if the application uses an administrator account with the required permissions. The following tables indicate which preconfigured roles have the permissions that are required for each API. These results have been tested and verified with BlackBerry UEM.

For more information about permissions for preconfigured roles, see the BlackBerry UEM Administration Guide.

BWS interface

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### BWSUtil interface

All requests in BWSUtil (getAuthenticators(), getEncodedUsername(), and getLocales()) are unauthenticated, so they do not require an administrative role or any administrative permissions.

### Sample walkthrough: Creating a user account

The following section looks at parts of the SampleBwsClient.cs application available at https://github.com/blackberry/BWS-Samples. This application performs the following tasks:

- Initializes the BWS and BWSUtil web services
- Authenticates the application with the BlackBerry UEM domain
• Collects and displays system information
• Creates a specified user account
• Displays the details for a specified user account

**Initializing and authenticating with the BlackBerry Web Services SOAP APIs**

Before an application can make calls to the BlackBerry Web Services SOAP APIs, the application must initialize the BWS and BWSUtil web services.

When the BWS and BWSUtil web services are initialized, they accept subsequent API calls from the application. If initialization or authentication of a request are not successful, the application throws an exception. The exception contains a simple text message property that your application can access for more information.

**Define metadata**

Each method call contains a metadata object that specifies locale, client version, and organization ID data. The inclusion of this metadata helps support compatibility with different versions of BlackBerry Web Services. To learn more about metadata such as the `ClientVersion`, `Locale`, and `OrgUid`, see the API Reference.

Here’s an example of how to create the `RequestMetadata` object and declare the variables used for authentication:

```csharp
// The request Metadata information.
// This is the version of the WSDL used to generate the proxy, not the version of
// the server.
private const string ClientVersion = "12.0.1";

// To use a different locale, call getLocales() in the BWSUtilService web service
// to see which locales are supported.
private const string Locale = "en_US";
private const string OrgUid = "0";
private static readonly RequestMetadata Metadata = new RequestMetadata();

// Authentication type name.
private const string AuthenticatorName = "Blackberry Administration Service";

// Hostname to use when connecting to web service. Includes port.
private static string BWSHostName = null; // e.g. BWSHostName =
// "server01.yourcompany.net:18084"
private static string Username = null; // e.g. Username = "admin"
private static string Password = null; // e.g. Password = "password"
```

To send requests, you must provide authentication info, including the host name, user name, and password values.

```csharp
// Hostname to use when connecting to web service.
BWSHostName = "<BWSHostName>"; // e.g. BWSHostName = "server01.yourcompany.net".
Username = "<username>"; // e.g. Username = "admin".
Password = "<password>"; // e.g. Password = "password".
```
Assign values to the Metadata object

Here’s how to set the client version, locale, and organization ID of the metadata object that was previously created:

```csharp
Metadata.clientVersion = ClientVersion;
Metadata.locale = Locale;
Metadata.organizationUid = OrgUid;
```

Initialize and set the URL properties of the web services

Next, you initialize and set the values for the URL properties of the web services so that the application can connect to the BlackBerry Web Services.

```csharp
logMessage("Initializing BWS web service stub");
bwsService = new BWSService();
logMessage("BWS web service stub initialized");
logMessage("Initializing BWSUtil web service stub");
bwsUtilService = new BWSUtilService();
logMessage("BWSUtil web service stub initialized");
// These are the URLs that point to the web services used for all calls.
bwsService.Url = "https://" + BWSHostName + "/enterprise/admin/ws";
bwsUtilService.Url = "https://" + BWSHostName + "/enterprise/admin/util/ws";

// Set the connection timeout to 60 seconds.
bwsService.Timeout = 60000;
bwsUtilService.Timeout = 60000;
```

Define the authenticator object

The following code defines the Authenticator object that the application requires for the initialization and authentication process. In the sections that follow, the application uses the authenticator object to collect the login information and the encoded user name that the application uses to authenticate with the BlackBerry Web Services.

```csharp
Authenticator authenticator = GetAuthenticator(AuthenticatorName);
if (authenticator != null)
{
    string encodedUsername = GetEncodedUserName(Username, authenticator);
    if (!string.IsNullOrEmpty(encodedUsername))
    {
        /*
         * Set the HTTP basic authentication on the BWS service.
         * BWSUtilService is a utility web service that does not require
         * authentication.
         */
        bwsService.Credentials = new NetworkCredential(encodedUsername, Password);

        /*
         * Send an HTTP Authorization header with requests after authentication
         * has taken place.
         */
        bwsService.PreAuthenticate = true;
        returnValue = true;
    }
}
```
Authenticate with the BlackBerry Web Services

After the Authenticator object is created, here’s how to retrieve the encoded login information for the administrator account that the app uses, and authenticate the app with the BlackBerry Web Services.

```csharp
public static string GetEncodedUserName(string username, Authenticator authenticator)
{
    const string methodName = "GetEncodedUserName()";
    const string bwsApiName = "bwsUtilService.getEncodedUsername()";
    logMessage("Entering {0}", methodName);
    string returnValue = null;

    GetEncodedUsernameRequest request = new GetEncodedUsernameRequest();
    request.metadata = Metadata;
    request.username = username;
    request.orgUid = Metadata.organizationUid;
    request.authenticator = authenticator;

    CredentialType credentialType = new CredentialType();
    credentialType.PASSWORD = true;
    credentialType.value = "PASSWORD";
    request.credentialType = credentialType;

    GetEncodedUsernameResponse response = null;
    try
    {
        logRequest(bwsApiName);
        response = bwsUtilService.getEncodedUsername(request);
        logResponse(bwsApiName, response.returnStatus.code, response.metadata);
    }
    catch (WebException e)
    {
        // Log and re-throw exception.
        logMessage("Exiting {0} with exception "{1}"", methodName, e.Message);
        throw e;
    }

    if (response.returnStatus.code.Equals("SUCCESS"))
    {
        returnValue = response.encodedUsername;
    }
    else
    {
        logMessage("Error Message: "{0}"", response.returnStatus.message);
    }
}
```
try {
    logMessage("Decoded value of encoded username "{0}"", Encoding.Default.GetString(Convert.FromBase64String(returnValue)));
} catch (Exception) {
    // Not actually base64 encoded. Show actual value
    logMessage("Value of encoded username "{0}"", returnValue);
} 
logMessage("Exiting {0}", methodName);
return returnValue;

When the app completes the initialization and authentication process, the BlackBerry Web Services are ready to accept API calls from the application.

**Creating a user account**

Now that initialization is complete, the app can send a request to create a new user account.

These sections explain the types of user accounts that you can create using the BWS.createUsers API, and highlight the section of the code sample that is used to create a new user account.

**Specify the email address for the new user**

The first step to create a new user is to specify the email address to associate with the user.

```csharp
/*
* Email address used to create a new user with the createUsers() API call.
* This value must exactly match the full string value in the directory for successful user creation.
*/
CreateNewUserEmail = "user02@example.net";
```

**Create the user**

Next, you create a `CreateUsersRequest` object to send the request to the BlackBerry Web Services, and assign the `Metadata` object that you previously created to its `metadata` property. The `NewUser` object that represents the user and the `AccountAttributes` object contains information about the user, like the email address.

```csharp
// Create the request object.
CreateUsersRequest createUsersRequest = new CreateUsersRequest();
createUsersRequest.metadata = Metadata;
NewUser newUser = new NewUser();

// To create an administrator user, create and set the "UserAttributes" and the roleUid field.
AccountAttributes accountAttributes = new AccountAttributes();
logMessage("Email address set to "{0}"", CreateNewUserEmail);
// Value of the variable "CreateNewUserEmail" is used to create the user.
```
accountAttributes.emailAddress = CreateNewUserEmail;

newUser.accountAttributes = accountAttributes;

// Server value is validated and then ignored.
newUser.server = null;

**Prepare and send the API call**

Lastly, you prepare and send the request. The app adds the user to the `CreateUsersRequest`, `BWS.createUsersRequest()` is called to send the request, and the result of the request is verified and output to the console.

```csharp
List<NewUser> newUsers = new List<NewUser>();
newUsers.Add(newUser);
createUsersRequest.newUsers = newUsers.ToArray();

CreateUsersResponse response = null;
try {
    logRequest(bwsApiName);
    response = bwsService.createUsers(createUsersRequest);
    logResponse(bwsApiName, response.returnStatus.code, response.metadata);
} catch (WebException e) {
    // Log and re-throw exception.
    logMessage("Exiting {0} with exception "{1}"", methodName, e.Message);
    throw e;
}

if (response.returnStatus.code.Equals("SUCCESS")) {
    if (response.individualResponses != null) {
        foreach (IndividualResponse individualResponse in response.individualResponses) {
            displayResult("User created with UID "{0}"", individualResponse.uid);
            displayResult("Email address used in creation is "{0}"", accountAttributes.emailAddress);
        }
        returnValue = true;
    }
} else {
    logMessage("Error Message: "{0}"", response.returnStatus.message);
    if (response.individualResponses != null) {
        foreach (IndividualResponse individualResponse in response.individualResponses) {
            logMessage("Individual Response - Code: "{0}", Message: "{1}"", individualResponse.returnStatus.code, individualResponse.returnStatus.message);
        }
    }
}
```
Types of user accounts

The table below describes the types of user accounts that you can create. The sample application creates a directory user account. For more information about creating user accounts, see `BWS.createUsers()` in the API Reference.

The `BWS.createUsers()` API passes a `CreateUsersRequest` object in its request. The `CreateUsersRequest` object contains the metadata for the request, and `NewUser` objects that represent the user accounts that you want to create. `NewUser` contains the following properties:

- **AccountAttributes**: The account attributes that distinguish the user, such as the user's email address.
- **DeviceActivationType**: Not currently supported.
- **UserAttributes**: Contains the authentication information for administrator accounts or local user accounts.
- **Server**: Not currently supported. Should be set to null.

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<td>• A local user account that is not integrated with the directory.</td>
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Sample walkthrough: Authenticating with the BlackBerry Web Services

The following section examines the AuthenticationSample.cs application available at https://github.com/blackberry/BWS-Samples. This application demonstrates the different methods for authenticating with BlackBerry UEM.

Before an application can make calls to the BlackBerry Web Services, the application must initialize the BWS and BWSUtil web services and authenticate with the web services using the login information of an administrator account. When the BWS and BWSUtil web services are initialized, they accept subsequent API calls from the application.

Administrator accounts can use one of the following authentication methods:

- Local user authentication (that is, non-directory users)
- Microsoft Active Directory authentication
- LDAP authentication

Note: Although the sample application also includes an option for SSO authentication, this feature is not supported in BlackBerry UEM and is only included to support BlackBerry Enterprise Service 10.

Administrators select the authentication method when they create new administrator accounts. Single sign-on authentication requires an administrator to complete additional configuration steps. For more information about creating an administrator account, the different authentication types, and configuring single sign-on authentication, see the BlackBerry UEM Documentation.

Define metadata

Like any BlackBerry Web Services request, you must first define the metadata that describes the application’s requests. Each metadata object specifies the locale, client version, and organization ID data. The inclusion of this metadata supports forward and backward compatibility with different versions of BlackBerry Web Services. To learn more about metadata values such as the ClientVersion, Locale, and OrgUid, see the API Reference overview.

Here’s an example of how to create the RequestMetadata object and declare the variables used for authentication:

```csharp
// The request Metadata information.
// This is the version of the WSDL used to generate the proxy, not the version of
// the server.
private const string CLIENT_VERSION = "<Client Version>"; // e.g. CLIENT_VERSION =
"12.0."

// The enum used to determine the current server type.
private enum ServerType { Unknown, BDS, UDS, BES12 };

// Enum used to determine the server used in this execution
private static ServerType serverType = ServerType.Unknown;

/*
 * To use a different locale, call getLocales() in the BWSUtilService web service
 * to see which locales are supported.
 */
private const string LOCALE = "en_US";
private const string ORG_UID = "0";
private static readonly RequestMetadata REQUEST_METADATA = new RequestMetadata();```
Get the login information

Next, the app retrieves the encoded login information and domain data (if necessary) for the administrator account that the application uses to authenticate with the BlackBerry Web Services, and defines the possible log data and status messages.

```csharp
public static string getEncodedUserName(String username, Authenticator authenticator,
                                        CredentialType credentialType, String domain)
{
    const string METHOD_NAME = "getEncodedUserName()";
    const string BWS_API_NAME = "bwsUtilService.getEncodedUsername()";
    logMessage("Entering {0}", METHOD_NAME);
    string returnValue = null;

    GetEncodedUsernameRequest request = new GetEncodedUsernameRequest();
    request.metadata = REQUEST_METADATA;
    request.username = username;
    request.orgUid = REQUEST_METADATA.organizationUid;
    request.credentialType = credentialType;
    request.domain = domain;

    GetEncodedUsernameResponse response = null;
    try
    {
        logRequest(BWS_API_NAME);
        response = bwsUtilService.getEncodedUsername(request);
        logResponse(BWS_API_NAME, response.returnStatus.code, response.metadata);
    }
    catch (WebException e)
    {
        // Log and re-throw exception.
        logMessage("Exiting {0} with exception "{1}"", METHOD_NAME, e.Message);
        throw e;
    }

    if (response.returnStatus.code.Equals("SUCCESS"))
    {
        returnValue = response.encodedUsername;
    }
    else
    {
        logMessage("Error Message: "{0}"", response.returnStatus.message);
    }

    // BES12 returns a Base64 encoded string while BES10 does not. As a result, a BES10 encoded username
    // throws an exception when an attempt is made to decode from base64. The try block will log the decoded
    // username if run against a BES12 system and the catch then logs the actual value returned by BES10.
    try
    {
        logMessage("Decoded value of encoded username "{0}"", Encoding.Default.GetString(Convert.FromBase64String(returnValue)));
    }
    catch (Exception)
    {
    }
```
Perform an echo call

To verify that the app can call and get a response from the BlackBerry Web Services, you can call `BWS.echo()`. The following code demonstrates how to call `echo()` and handle the return value.

```csharp
private static bool echo()
{
    const string METHOD_NAME = "echo()";
    const string BWS_API_NAME = "bwsService.echo()";
    logMessage("Entering {0}", METHOD_NAME);

    bool returnValue = true;
    EchoRequest request = new EchoRequest();
    EchoResponse response = null;
    request.metadata = REQUEST_METADATA;
    request.text = "Hello World!";

    try
    {
        logRequest(BWS_API_NAME);
        response = bwsService.echo(request);
        logResponse(BWS_API_NAME, response.returnStatus.code,
                    response.metadata);
    }
    catch (WebException e)
    {
        if (e.Status == WebExceptionStatus.ProtocolError)
        {
            HttpWebResponse httpWebResponse = (HttpWebResponse)
                                  e.Response;
            if (httpWebResponse != null
                            && httpWebResponse.StatusCode ==
                            HttpStatusCode.Unauthorized)
            {
                returnValue = false;
                logMessage("Failed to authenticate with the BWS web service");
                logMessage("Exiting {0} with value \"{1}\"", METHOD_NAME, returnValue);
                return returnValue;
            }
        }

        // Log and re-throw exception.
        logMessage("Exiting {0} with exception \"{1}\", METHOD_NAME, e.Message);
        throw e;
    }
}
```
Provide the server name and port number

To authenticate with BlackBerry Web Services you must first specify the FQDN of the computer that hosts the BlackBerry UEM along with the port number.

```csharp
Next, you can select the authentication method that you want to use. In this example, local user authentication is always called, in addition to the directory method that you select below. To select a method, set the option to true and the other options to false. For example, for LDAP sign-on authentication, set useLDAP = true and useAD = false.

```csharp
bool useAD = false; // Active Directory
bool useLDAP = true; // LDAP
```csharp

The following sections describe each of the different authentication methods described above. You can configure the section that corresponds to your selected authentication method with your own credentials.

**Local user authentication**

The following code defines the login information for local users (otherwise known as non-directory users). Specify the `<username>` and `<password>` values for the administrator account.

```csharp
// The BlackBerry Administration Service Credentials to use
string username = "<username>"; // e.g. username = "admin".
string password = "<password>"; // e.g. password = "password".
string authenticatorName = "BlackBerry Administration Service";
string domain = null; // not needed
```csharp
Microsoft Active Directory authentication

The following code defines the login information for Microsoft Active Directory authentication. Specify the `<username>`, `<password>`, and `<domain>` values.

```java
// The Active Directory Credentials to use
String username = "<username>"; // e.g. username = "admin"
String password = "<password>"; // e.g. password = "password"
String authenticatorName = "Active Directory";
String activeDirectoryDomain = null;
// Only BDS requires domain for authentication
if (serverType == ServerType.BDS)
{
    activeDirectoryDomain = "<domain>"; // e.g. activeDirectoryDomain = "example.net"
}
```

LDAP authentication

The following code defines the login information for LDAP authentication. Specify the `<username>` and `<password>` values.

```java
// The LDAP Credentials to use
String username = "<username>"; // e.g. username = "admin"
String password = "<password>"; // e.g. password = "password"
String authenticatorName = "LDAP";
String domain = null; // not needed
```

Authenticate with the BlackBerry Web Services

The following code tests whether the application can authenticate with the BlackBerry Web Services using the login information that you specified.

```csharp
private static bool demonstrateBwsSetupAndAuthenticatedCall(String bwsHostname,
    String bwsPort,
    String username, String password, String domain, String authenticatorName,
    CredentialType credentialType)
{
    bool returnCode = false;
    logMessage("Initializing web services...");
    if (setup(bwsHostname, bwsPort, username, password, authenticatorName,
        credentialType, domain))
    {
        /*
        * It is anticipated that the first time through this method, _serverType
        will be unknown.
        * So getSystemInfo() will populate this value, which will be used in the
        subsequent
        * demonstrate calls if required.
        */
        if (serverType == ServerType.Unknown)
        {
            GetSystemInfo();
        }
        /*
        * Demonstrate authenticated call to bwsService.echo() API.
        */
        logMessage("Attempting authenticated BWS call to echo()...");
```
if (echo())
{
    logMessage("Authenticated call succeeded!");
    returnCode = true;
}
else
{
    logMessage("Authenticated call failed!");
}
else
{
    logMessage("Error: setup() failed");
}
return returnCode;

Assign values to the Metadata global object

The following code assigns the metadata values to the Metadata object.

private static bool setup(String hostname, String bwsPort, String username, String password,
        String authenticatorName, CredentialType credentialType, String domain)
{
    const string METHOD_NAME = "setup()";
    logMessage("Entering {0}", METHOD_NAME);
    bool returnValue = false;
    REQUEST_METADATA.clientVersion = CLIENT_VERSION;
    REQUEST_METADATA.locale = LOCALE;
    REQUEST_METADATA.organizationUid = ORG_UID;

Initialize and set the URL properties of the web services

The following code initializes and sets the values for the URL properties of the web services so that the application can connect to the BlackBerry Web Services.

logMessage("Initializing BWS web service stub");
bwsService = new BWSService();
logMessage("BWS web service stub initialized");
logMessage("Initializing BWSUtil web service stub");
bwsUtilService = new BWSUtilService();
logMessage("BWSUtil web service stub initialized");
// These are the URLs that point to the web services used for all calls.
// e.g. with no port:
// https://server01.example.net/enterprise/admin/ws
// e.g. with port:
// https://server01.example.net:18084/enterprise/admin/ws
String port = "";
if (bwsPort != null)
{
    port = ":" + bwsPort;
}
bwsService.Url = "https://" + hostname + port + "/enterprise/admin/ws";
bwsUtilService.Url = "https://" + hostname + port + "/enterprise/admin/util/ws";

// Set the connection timeout to 60 seconds.
bwsService.Timeout = 60000;
bwsUtilService.Timeout = 60000;

**Define the authenticator object**

The following code defines the Authenticator object that the application requires for the overall authentication and initialization process.

```csharp
Authenticator authenticator = getAuthenticator(authenticatorName);
if (authenticator != null)
{
    string encodedUsername = getEncodedUserName(username, authenticator, credentialType, domain);
    if (!string.IsNullOrEmpty(encodedUsername))
    {
        /*
         * Set the HTTP basic authentication on the BWS service.
         * BWSUtilService is a utility web service that does not require
         * authentication.
         */
        bwsService.Credentials = new NetworkCredential(encodedUsername, password);

        /*
         * Send an HTTP Authorization header with requests after authentication
         * has taken place.
         */
        bwsService.PreAuthenticate = true;
        returnValue = true;
    }
    else
    {
        logMessage("'encodedUsername' is null or empty");
    }
}
else
{
    logMessage("'authenticator' is null");
}

logMessage("Exiting {0} with value "{1}"", METHOD_NAME, returnValue);
return returnValue;
```
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