

# Verify the phone number of a user

It is possible to verify that a user has access to read sms messages sent to a phone number.

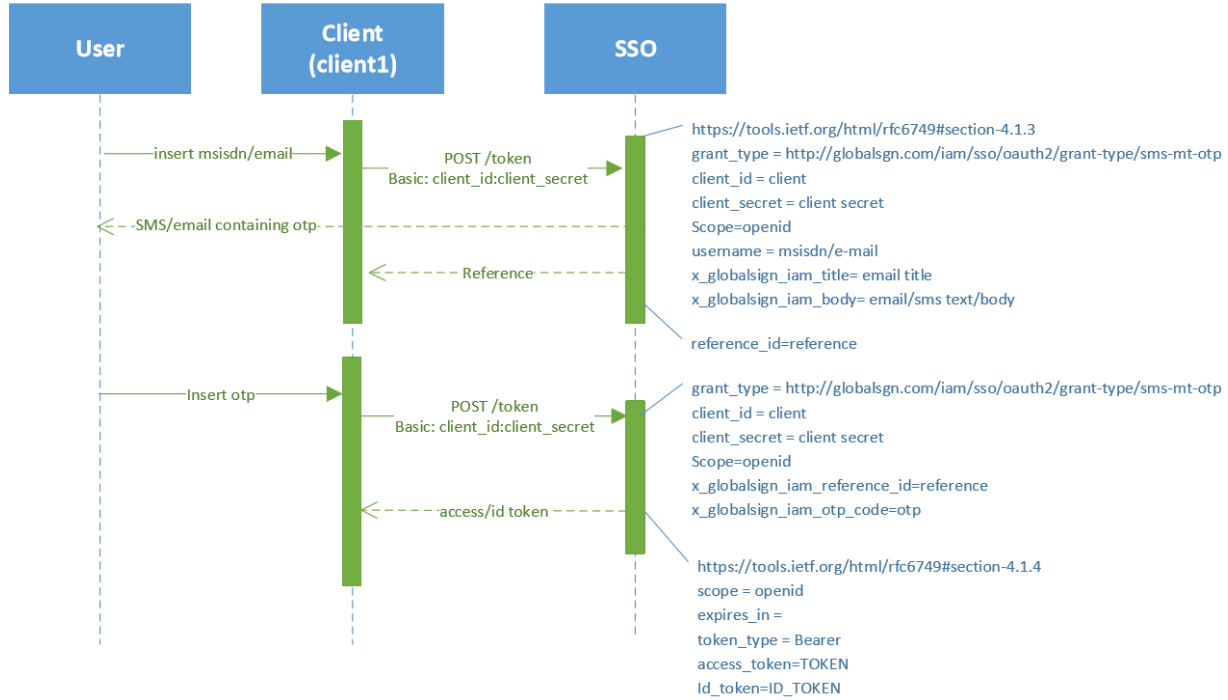
Applications can use the Ubisecure SSO infrastructure for sending the SMS message and verifying the code entered by the user.

The message displayed to the user in the SMS message together with the code can be dynamically defined at the time of the call.

Combined with an additional factor, this could be used by applications to add a second level of verification to a transaction prior to a high value or high risk event.

Technically the API uses the token request endpoint and a Ubisecure specific OAuth grant type.

## Process flow



## Step-by-step guide

To configure Ubisecure SSO to support phone number verification:

1. In Ubisecure SSO Management, configure a new method of the type Unregistered SMS. In these screenshots, the name of the method is ubikey.sms.5
2. Add the URL of the SMS service to the configuration string. A GET request will be made to this address. If HTTP Response 200 is received, the message is deemed to have been sent successfully. {mobile} will be replaced with the phone number and {challenge} with the text to be shown in the message, including instructions and code.

### Configuration String setting for SMS service

```
smsUrl=http\://sms-sending-service.example.com/sendsms.asp?to={mobile}&message\={challenge}
```

3. Enable the method ubikey.sms.X on a site
4. Create a group called Unregistered SMS Users, assign membership based on the ubikey.sms.5 method just created.

5. Create an application of type OAuth 2.0 in that site

6. Activate the application using the following metadata. sms-mt-otp is disabled by default and can be used only if specified in the metadata. Because this flow is direct from the application to the server, without a user agent (browser), no return\_uri is required

```

Metadata for phone number verification by SMS

{ "grant_types": [ "http://globalsign.com/iam/sso/oauth2/grant-type/sms-mt-otp" ] }

```

7. Press **Activate** to generate a client\_id and secret required to make and verify requests. Save the client\_id and secret safely in the calling application. An activated application will look like this:

8. Select the **Allowed To** tab and Add the group Unregistered SMS Users.
9. An authorization policy is not required. If used, attributes sent in the Authorization policy will appear in the id\_token received in the verification response.

To send a verification code to a user:

1. Create a POST request to the /uas/oauth2/token endpoint of the Ubisecure SSO Server. The Content-Type must be application/x-www-form-urlencoded. The user phone number is sent in the username parameter.

```

POST body required for first token request

grant_type=http://globalsign.com/iam/sso/oauth2/grant-type/sms-mt-otp&scope=openid&username=358404134252&x_globalsign_iam_otp_body=your%20otp%20code%20is%20{0}&client_id=c495bb59-f0ae-430a-9830-ca8228aa58fe&client_secret=CVgXCVQaLeRcd0AQ604sUuAL0NCBDX7

```

An example using the HttpRequester browser extension is shown here:

2. The response contains a x\_globalsign\_iam\_reference\_id value that must be stored and used again later when verifying the code:

```

Response to authorization request

```



```
"token_type": "Bearer",
"expires_in": 3600
}
```

3. The `id_token` signature should be verified and elements compared closely to the request to ensure that this is the response to the request. The `id_token` shown above contains more information:

- a. `sub` - subject - MISISDN phone number that the code was sent to)
- b. `iss` - issuer - The IDP that issued this token
- c. `aud` - audience - who this `id_token` is intended for (the `client_id` of the application)
- d. `exp` - expiry time - when this token expires
- e. `iat` - issued at - when it was issued
- f. `auth_time` - authentication time - when the user was authenticated
- g. `amr` - the authentication method used - Authentication Context Declaration Reference value from the methods settings screen (SAML equivalent of `AuthnContextDeclRef`)
- h. `azp` - Authorizing party - in this case the same as the recipient
- i. `session_index` - identifies the session on the IDP
- j. `ubikey.sms.5.grant_type` - value returned from the authentication policy if no Authentication Policy is set.

#### id\_token contents (excluding header and signature)

```
{
  "sub": "358404134252",
  "iss": "https://mno.ubidemo.com/uas",
  "aud": [
    "c495bb59-f0ae-430a-9830-ca8228aa58fe"
  ],
  "exp": 1499430966,
  "iat": 1499427366,
  "auth_time": 1499427366,
  "amr": [
    "https://mno.ubidemo.com/uas/saml2/names/ac/ubikey.sms.5"
  ],
  "azp": "c495bb59-f0ae-430a-9830-ca8228aa58fe",
  "session_index": "_acb840b6853a1bdbaa6981b1808c7038a5cbfba6",
  "ubikey.sms.5.grant_type": [
    "http://globalsign.com/iam/sso/oauth2/grant-type/sms-mt-otp"
  ]
}
```

4. If the number entered by the user was incorrect or the code expired, an error code will be returned. The example below shows the error when an expired code is used.

#### Error response

```
{"x_globalsign_iam_challenge": {"reference": ".
eyJzdWIiOiIxMjMiLCJpYXQiojE0Nzk5OTYzMzA5MDgsImN0bXMiOjg4Njg4NzYzNzY2MjAzNCw
ibWFjIjoibGlxSWRtdHdlakVuSmxoRmlyd0Y4Y0N4N0pNUzM4Vm05WW51LXhRUExscGc4ckduMFJO SktPSE55Uk9sU3NvS2RwdkpoUT09In0.
Usdl9RhGnlH6KJATWfakYEFTyolbl7jDvZ5SydWT4"}, "error": "invalid_grant", "error_description": "OTP Expired"}
```



The validity time (timeout) of the OTP in minutes is set in Unregistered SMS authentication method settings.

## Related articles

- [Create a directory user mapping for SMS OTP](#)
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