

# Multi-factor Authentication using FIDO2 and Web Authentication with ASP.NET Identity

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**PASSWORDS ARE BAD**



**MMMKAY?**

# Why are passwords so bad?

- Real issue is the human factor
- Memorable
  - Leads to low-entropy/weak passwords
  - Often are reused across accounts
- Symmetric
  - Makes phishing attacks possible

Careful who might be watching



# Password managers

- Improve password hygiene
  - Generate unique, high entropy/strong password per account
  - Only enter password onto correct domain
- Inconvenient
  - Need installing on every device
  - Often backed by cloud storage/service
- Still symmetric
  - Password managers themselves are being attacked

# Use something in addition to passwords



“your account is more than 99.9% less likely to be compromised if you use MFA” [1]

# Multi-factor authentication

- Prove possession of something you have (access to)
  - In addition to password
- Traditional types
  - Email
  - Security token
  - SMS
  - Authenticator app

# Comparisons

Email	Security token	SMS	Authenticator App
Cheap for all	Expensive	Cheap for user	Cheap for all
Dangerous if email is compromised	One device per account	Targetable	Usability issues
Not everyone has email		Requires cell phone service	



# The human factor still exists!





Internet of Shit

@internetofshit



Читаю

Two factor sucks, so... why not just point a webcam at your token?

[shodan.io/host/198.2.49....](https://shodan.io/host/198.2.49....) via @djvc1993

Показать перевод

D-Link/Airlink IP webcam http config Version: 1.0

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HTTP/1.0 200 OK
Server: Camera Web Server/1.0
Author: Steven Wu
MIME-version: 1.0
Cache-Control: no-cache
Content-Type: text/html
Content-Length: 1681
```



# FIDO2: Fast identity online

- Un-phishable
  - Asymmetric keys used
  - Different key per website
- User-friendly
- Variety of device types
  - Hardware token
  - Mobile device/computer
- MFA or first factor
  - Passwordless



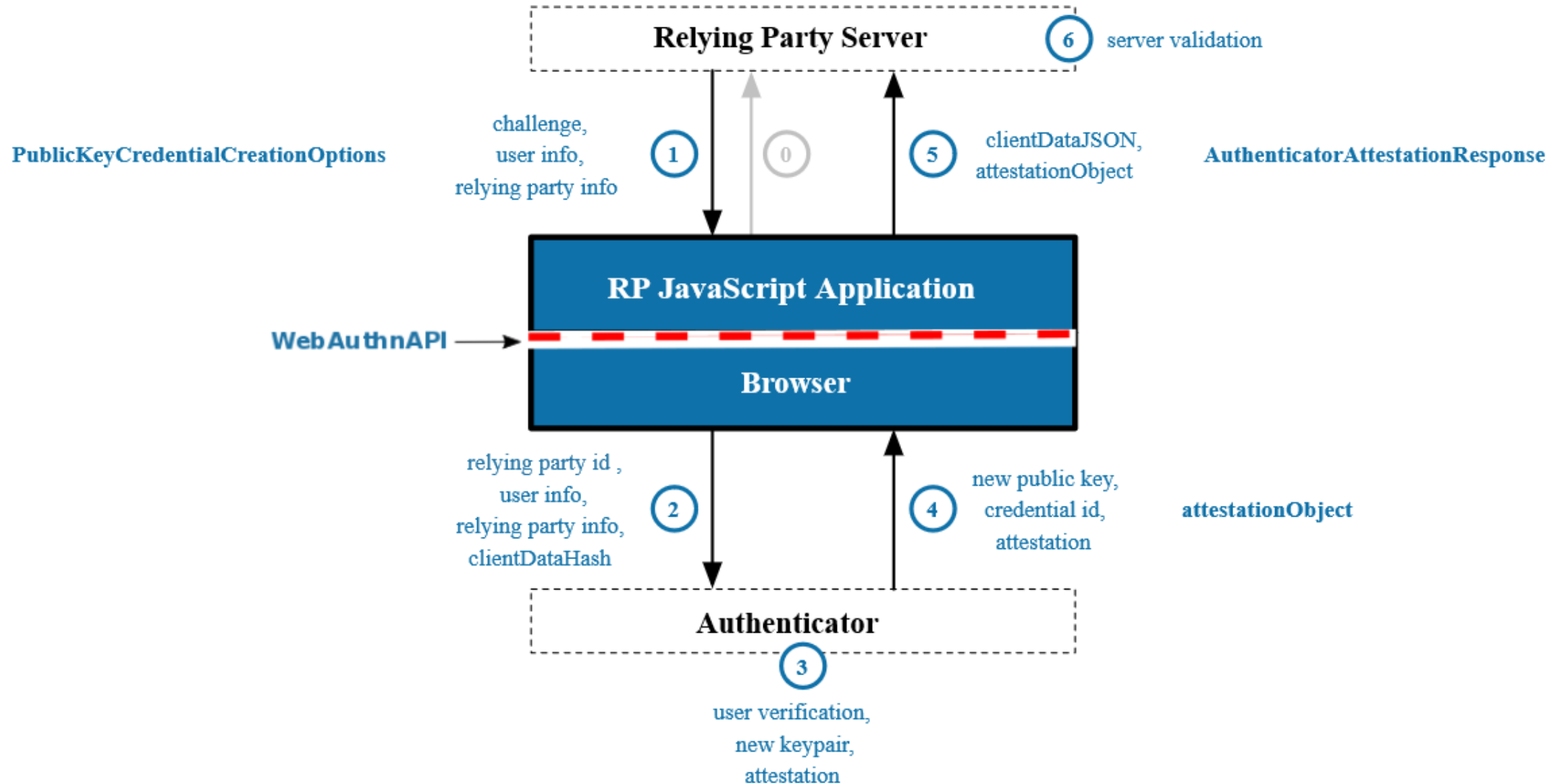
# Terminology

- RP/Relying party
  - Web application to which the user will be authenticating
  - Combination of server-side and client-side code
- Authenticator
  - FIDO device with which user authenticates
  - Roaming or platform
- Client Platform
  - Client (browser) and Client Device (hardware device client runs on)

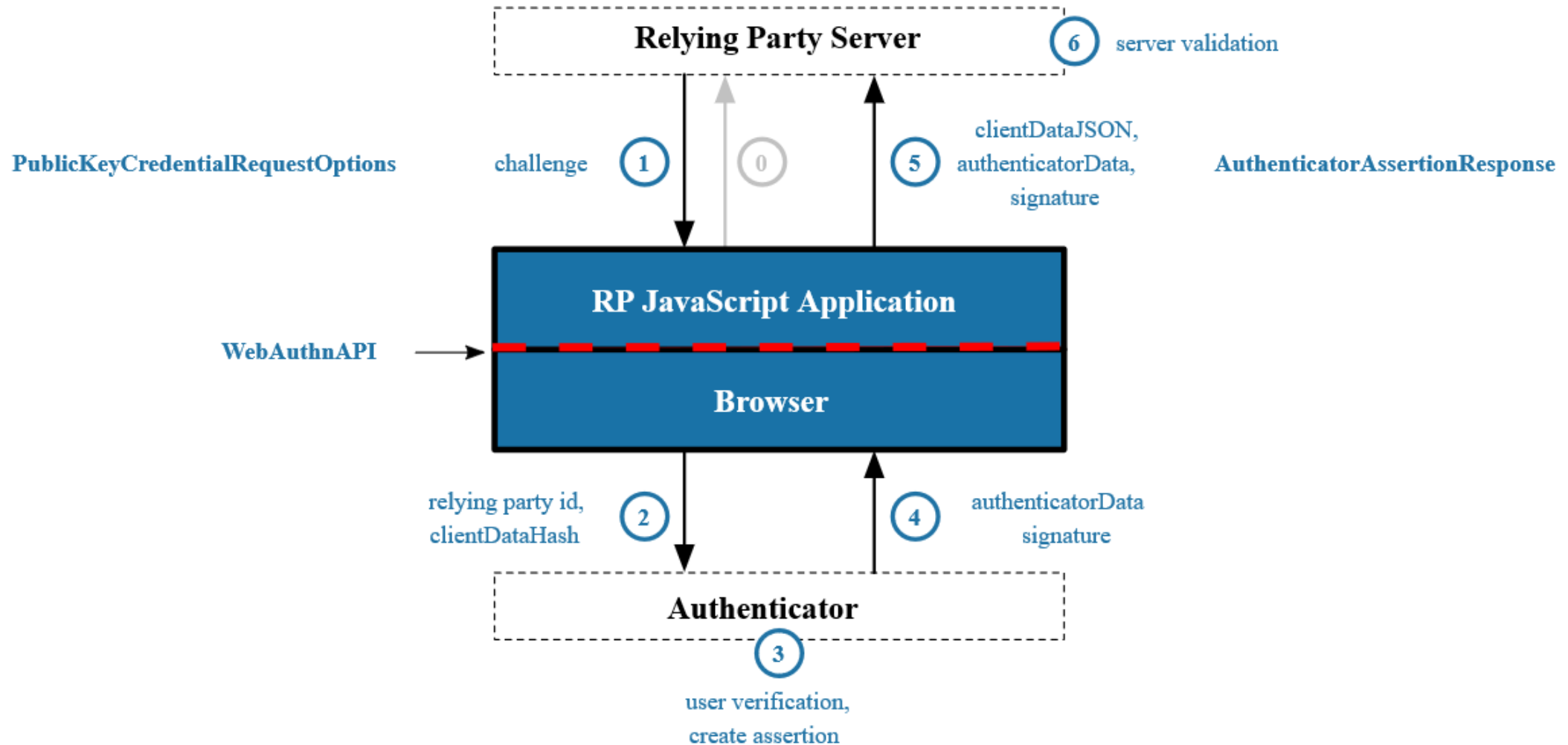
# FIDO2 specifications

- Web Authentication: API for accessing public key credentials
  - JavaScript API to connect to client platform
- CTAP2: Client to authenticator protocol
  - API for client platform to connect to roaming authenticator
- Older specs for MFA only workflows:
  - U2F: universal second factor
  - CTAP1

# The way it works: registration



# The way it works: authentication



# Authenticator type modalities

- Attachment modality
  - Platform authenticators
  - Roaming authenticators
- Credential Storage Modality
  - Client-side credential source (resident)
  - Server-side resident credentials source (non-resident)
- Authentication factor capability
  - User-verifying (e.g. PIN, biometric)
  - Non-user-verifying



# Authenticator taxonomy

<u>Authenticator Type</u>	<u>Authenticator Attachment Modality</u>	<u>Credential Storage Modality</u>	<u>Authentication Factor Capability</u>
<b><i>Second-factor platform authenticator</i></b>	<u>platform</u>	Either	<u>Single-factor capable</u>
<b><i>User-verifying platform authenticator</i></b>	<u>platform</u>	Either	<u>Multi-factor capable</u>
<b><i>Second-factor roaming authenticator</i></b>	<u>cross-platform</u>	<u>Server-side storage</u>	<u>Single-factor capable</u>
<b><i>First-factor roaming authenticator</i></b>	<u>cross-platform</u>	<u>Client-side storage</u>	<u>Multi-factor capable</u>

# ASP.NET Identity

- Extend Storage:
  - Maintain the authenticator key data
- Extend MFA registration:
  - FIDO specific MFA registration pages
- Intercept MFA login workflow:
  - Trigger and validate FIDO credentials
  - Issue login cookie

# Summary

- MFA is important!
- FIDO2 authenticators are a great advance in MFA
- Fairly simple to integrate into ASP.NET applications

