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# validate-credentials

## Definition

- This operation allows to validate the credentials of the user against Soffid.

## URL

- <console-domain>/webservice/federation/rest/validate-credentials

## Method

- POST

## Headers

- Accept = "application/json"
- Content-Type = "application/json"

## Authentication

- Use an account with **federation:serviceProvider** permission

## Request (body JSON)

- user → user (or nick or alias)
- password → password of the user
- identityProvider → identity provider public ID
- serviceProviderName → service provider which requests the user authentication
- sessionSeconds → max time for the user session inactivity

```
{
  "user" : "edmond.halley",
  "password" : "12345",
  "identityProvider" : "my-service-provider",
  "serviceProviderName" : "https://idp.soffid.com",
  "sessionSeconds" : "3600"
}
```

## Response (JSON)

- authentication → [yes|no]
- principalName → account name
- failureMessage → if authentication="no", a description text of the error
- user → account owner identity standard attributes
- attributes → account owner identity custom attributes
- sessionId → session identifier

```
{
  "valid": true,
  "sessionCookie":
  "_2307e8b5566ba600be64508a132f7f40c4578928733f2c3c:hRoFimsCGZSau7zjbWeVocTv13WAaui7dj00A7F39d
M0R+daKHPQVi2WiAbhB/rV776S0TW5JXq7/9HjV0zo0h4E7AW72tCUD9I/8UD4VP5oTRWgR6xTP3mUwhn5NCuiHO
E02kuITf6I3y6ZrUOBA6qVFo/Twlfhww9dZ2I7Nrdro/s3K40L",
  "attributes": {},
  "user": {
    "lastName": "Halley",
    "createdByUser": "csvIDs",
    "modifiedDate": "2017-12-15T11:01:02+01:00",
    "userType": "I",
    "shortName": "edmond.halley"
  },
  "identityProvider": "soffid"
}
```

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