Resource request from hybrid client applications

 Download MobileFirst project (https://github.com/MobileFirst-Platform-Developer-Center/InvokingAdapterProcedures)

Overview

MobileFirst applications can access resources using the WLResourceRequest REST API. The REST API works with all adapters and external resources (../../authentication-security/using-mobilefirst-server-authenticate-external-resources/), and is supported in the following hybrid environments: iOS, Android, Windows Phone 8, and Windows 8.

If your application supports other hybrid environments such as BlackBerry, Mobile Web, or Desktop Browser, see the tutorial for IBM MobileFirst Platform Foundation 6.3 (file:////home/travis/build/MFPSamples/DevCenter/_site/tutorials/en/foundation/6.3/server-side-development/invoking-adapter-procedures-hybrid-client-applications/).

This tutorial explains how to use the WLResourceRequest API with an HTTP adapter.

WLResourceRequest

```
[code lang="js"]
var resourceRequest = new WLResourceRequest(
"/adapters/RSSReader/getFeedFiltered",
WLResourceRequest.GET
);
[/code]
```

The WLResourceRequest class handles resource requests to MobileFirst adapters or external resources.

The parameters for the constructor are:

- request URL: To access an adapter within the same project, the URL should be /adapters/AdapterName/procedureName.
 - To access resources outside of the project, use the full URL.
- HTTP method: Most commonly WLResourceRequest.GET or WLResourceRequest.POST
- timeout: optional, request timeout in milliseconds

setQueryParameter

```
[code lang="js"]
resourceRequest.setQueryParameter("params", "['MobileFirst_Platform']");
[/code]
```

By using the setQueryParameter method, you can include query (URL) parameters in the REST request.

- In MobileFirst JavaScript adapters, which use ordered nameless parameters, pass an array of parameters with the name params.
- In Java adapters or external resources, use setQueryParameter for each parameter. [code lang="js"]
 resourceRequest.setQueryParameter("param1", "value1");

```
resourceRequest.setQueryParameter("param2", "value2"); [/code]
```

send(body)

```
[code lang="js"]
resourceRequest.send().then(
onSuccess,
onFailure
);
[/code]
```

The send() method triggers the request.

Using JavaScript promises, you can define onSuccess and onFailure functions.

The send method takes an optional parameter to set a body to the HTTP request, which could be a JSON object or a simple string.

sendFormParameters(json)

To send URL-encoded form parameters, use the sendFormParameters(json) method instead. This method converts the JSON to a URL encoded string, sets the content-type to application/x-www-form-urlencoded, and sets it as the HTTP body.

For more information about WLResourceRequest, see the API reference in the user documentation.

Results

Both the onSuccess and onFailure callbacks receive a response object, which typically contains the following properties:

- status: The HTTP response status
- **responseJS0N**: An object that contains the data that is returned by the invoked procedure, and additional information about the procedure invocation.

The object is returned to a corresponding success/failure handler.

```
[code lang="javascript" highlight="2,3,4,5,13"]
{
"errors": [],
"info": [],
"warnings": [],
"isSuccessful": true,
"responseHeaders": {
"Cache-Control": "no-cache, must-revalidate, post-check=0, pre-check=0"
},
"responseTime": 491,
"statusCode": 200,
"statusReason": "OK",
"totalTime": 592,
"Items": [{
```

```
"creator": "Jon Fingas",
"link": "http:\/\/www.engadget.com\/2014\/11\/10\/harvard-used-cameras-to-check-attendance\/?
ncid=rss_truncated",
"pubDate": "Mon, 10 Nov 2014 02:21:00 -0500",
"title": "Harvard used cameras to track attendance without telling students"
"creator": "Jon Fingas",
"link": "http:\/\/www.engadget.com\/2014\/11\/10\/bmw-ev-charging-street-lights\/?ncid=rss truncated",
"pubDate": "Mon, 10 Nov 2014 00:10:00 -0500",
"title": "BMW's new street lights will charge your electric car"
}, {
"creator": "Daniel Cooper",
"link": "http://www.engadget.com/2014/11/09/hwyc-lumia-925/?ncid=rss_truncated",
"pubDate": "Sun, 09 Nov 2014 22:43:00 -0500",
"title": "How would you change Nokia's Lumia 925?"
}]
}
[/code]
```

- errors, info, and warnings are optional arrays of strings that contain messages.
- The isSuccessful property is set to true if the procedure invocation succeeded (even if no data was retrieved), or to false otherwise.
- The response can contain other metadata such as responseHeaders, responseTime, statusCode, statusReason, and totalTime.

Handling the result

The rest of the invocation result depends on what was retrieved from the back-end system. In this example, the Items element is a JSON representation of the XML code that was received from the back end, after the rules in the XSL file were applied.

```
[code lang="javascript"]
function loadFeedsSuccess(result){
WL.Logger.debug("Feed retrieve success");
if (result.responseJSON.ltems.length > 0)
displayFeeds(result.responseJSON.ltems);
}
[/code]
```

Sample application

Click to download (https://github.com/MobileFirst-Platform-Developer-Center/InvokingAdapterProcedures) the MobileFirst project.

The sample uses the HTTP adapter created in the HTTP Adapter tutorial (../javascript-adapters/js-http-adapter).

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