Form-based authentication in native Android applications

Overview

This tutorial illustrates the native Android client-side authentication components for form-based authentication. Make sure you read Form-based authentication (../) first.

Creating the client-side authentication components

Create a native Android application and add the MobileFirst native APIs following the documentation. Add an Activity, LoginFormBasedAuth, that will handle and present the login form. Remember to add this Activity to the AndroidManifest.xml file as well.

MyChallengeHandler

Create a MyChallengeHandler class as a subclass of ChallengeHandler.

MyChallengeHandler should implement isCustomResponse which checks every custom response received from MobileFirst Server to see if this is the challenge we are expecting.

```
public boolean isCustomResponse(WLResponse response) {
  if (response == null || response.getResponseText() == null ||
    response.getResponseText().indexOf("j_security_check") == -1)
  {
    return false;
  }
  return true;
}
```

handleChallenge is called after the isCustomResponse method returned true. Here we use this method to present our login form.

```
public void handleChallenge(WLResponse response){
  if (!isCustomResponse(response)) {
    submitSuccess(response);
} else {
    cachedResponse = response;
    Intent login = new Intent(parentActivity, LoginFormBasedAuth.class)
  ;
    parentActivity.startActivityForResult(login, 1);
}
```

submitLogin is called by the login form. If the user asked to abort this action we use submitFailure() method, otherwise we use submitLoginForm() method to send our input data to the authenticator.

```
public void submitLogin(int resultCode, String userName, String password, boolean back){
if (resultCode != Activity.RESULT_OK || back) {
    submitFailure(cachedResponse);
} else {
    HashMap<String, String> params = new HashMap<String, String>();
    params.put("j_username", userName);
    params.put("j_password", password);
    submitLoginForm("/j_security_check", params, null, 0, "post");
}
}
```

Main Activity

In the Main Activity class connect to MobileFirst server, register your challengeHandler and invoke the protected adapter procedure.

The procedure invocation will trigger MobileFirst server to send a challenge that will trigger our challengeHandler.

```
final WLClient client = WLClient.createInstance(this);
client.connect(new MyConnectionListener());
challengeHandler = new AndroidChallengeHandler(this, realm);
client.registerChallengeHandler(challengeHandler);
invokeBtn = (Button) findViewByld(R.id.invoke);
invokeBtn.setOnClickListener(new View.OnClickListener() {
@Override
public void onClick(View v) {
 //setMainText("Invoking...");
 WLProcedureInvocationData invocationData = new WLProcedureInvocationData("DummyAdapter", "getSecretDat
a");
 WLRequestOptions options = new WLRequestOptions();
 options.setTimeout(30000);
 client.invokeProcedure(invocationData, new MyResponseListener(), options);
}
});
```

Sample application

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