Resource Request from Native Windows 8 Universal Applications

Overview

MobileFirst applications can access resources using the WLResourceRequest REST API. The REST API works with all adapters and external resources.

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

To create and configure a Windows 8 (Universal) native project, first follow the Adding the MobileFirst Platform Foundation SDK to Windows 8 Universal Applications (../../adding-the-mfpf-sdk/adding-the-mfpf-sdk-to-windows-8-applications) tutorial.

WLResourceRequest

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

1. Define the URI of the resource:

```
URI adapterPath = new URI("/adapters/RSSReader/getFeed");
```

- For JavaScript adapters, use /adapters/{AdapterName}/{procedureName}
- For Java adapters, use /adapters/{AdapterName}/{path}
- To access resources outside of the project, use the full URL
- 2. Create a WLResourceRequest object and choose the HTTP Method (GET, POST, etc):

```
WLResourceRequest request = new WLResourceRequest(adapterPath,WLResourceRequest.GET);
```

- 3. Add the required parameters:
 - In JavaScript adapters, which use ordered nameless parameters, pass an array of parameters with the name params:

```
request.setQueryParameter("params","['param1', 'param2']");
```

• In Java adapters or external resources, use the setQueryParameter method for each parameter:

```
request.setQueryParameter("param1","value1");
request.setQueryParameter("param2","value2");
```

4. Call the resource by using the send() method.

Specify a MyInvokeListener class instance:

```
request.send(new MylnvokeListener());
```

See the user documentation to learn more about WLResourceRequest and other signatures for the send method, which are not covered in this tutorial.

The response

When the resource call is completed, the framework calls one of the methods of the MyInvokeListener class.

1. Specify that the MyInvokeListener class implements the WLResponseListener interface:

```
public class MyInvokeListener : WLResponseListener{
}
```

2. Implement the onSuccess and onFailure methods.

If the resource call is successful, the onSuccess method is called. Otherwise, the onFailure method is called. Use these methods to get the data that is retrieved from the adapter.

The response object contains the response data and you can use its methods and properties to retrieve the required information.

```
public void onSuccess(WLResponse response)
{
WLProcedureInvocationResult invocationResponse = ((WLProcedureInvocationResult) response);
JObject items;
try
{
    items = invocationResponse.getResponseJSON();
    await dispatcher.RunAsync(CoreDispatcherPriority.Normal, () =>
    {
        myMainPage.AddTextToReceivedTextBlock("Response Success: " + items.ToString());
    });
}
catch (JsonReaderException e)
{
    Debug.WriteLine("JSONException: " + e.Message);
}

public void onFailure(WLFailResponse response)
{
    await dispatcher.RunAsync(CoreDispatcherPriority.Normal, () =>
    {
        myMainPage.AddTextToReceivedTextBlock("Response failed: " + response.ToString());
    });
}
```

Sample application

Click to download (https://github.com/MobileFirst-Platform-Developer-Center/ResourceRequestWin8) the Native project.

- The ResourceRequestWin8 project contains a native Windows 8 Universal application that uses a MobileFirst native SDK to communicate with a MobileFirst Server instance.
- Make sure to update the mfpclient.properties file in the native Windows 8 with the relevant server

settings.

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