Custom Authenticator and Login Module in hybrid applications

This is a continuation of Custom Authenticator and Login Module (../).

Creating client-side authentication components

The application consists of two main div elements:

The *AppDiv* element is used to display the application content.

The AuthDiv element is used for authentication forms.

When authentication is required, the application hides *AppDiv* and shows *AuthDiv*. When authentication is complete, it does the opposite.

AppDiv

Buttons are used to call the getSecretData procedure and to log out.

AuthDiv

AuthDiv is styled with display:none because it must not be displayed before the server requests the authentication.

Challenge Handler

Use WL. Client.createChallengeHandler to create a challenge handler object. Supply a realm name as a parameter.

var customAuthenticatorRealmChallengeHandler = WL.Client.createChallengeHandler("CustomAuthenticatorRealm");

The *isCustomResponse* function of the challenge handler is called each time a response is received from the server.

It is used to detect whether the response contains data that is related to this challenge handler. It must return **true** or **false**.

```
customAuthenticatorRealmChallengeHandler.isCustomResponse = function(response) {}
```

If *isCustomResponse* returns true, the framework calls the *handleChallenge* function. This function is used to perform required actions, such as hide application screen and show login screen.

```
customAuthenticatorRealmChallengeHandler.handleChallenge = function(response){}
```

In addition to the methods that the developer must implement, the challenge handler contains functionality that the developer might want to use:

- *submitLoginForm* to send collected credentials to a specific URL. The developer can also specify request parameters, headers, and callback.
- *submitSuccess* to notify the framework that the authentication finished successfully. The framework then automatically issues the original request that triggered the authentication.
- submitFailure to notify the framework that the authentication completed with a failure. The framework then disposes of the original request that triggered the authentication

Note: Attach each of these functions to its object. For example: myChallengeHandler.submitSucces()

isCustomResponse

If the challenge JSON block contains the authStatus property, return true, otherwise return false.

```
customAuthenticatorRealmChallengeHandler.isCustomResponse = function(response) {
   if (!response || !response.responseJSON) {
      return false;
   }
   if (response.responseJSON.authStatus)
      return true;
   else
      return false;
};
```

handleChallenge

If the *authStatus* property equals "required", show the login form, clean up the password input field, and display the error message if applicable.

if *authStatus* equals "complete", hide the login screen, return to the application, and notify the framework that authentication completed successfully.

```
customAuthenticatorRealmChallengeHandler.handleChallenge = function(response){
   var authStatus = response.responseJSON.authStatus;
   if (authStatus == "required"){
     $('#AppDiv').hide();
     $('#AuthDiv').show();
     $("#AuthInfo").empty();
     $('#AuthPassword').val(");
     if (response.responseJSON.errorMessage){
        $("#AuthInfo").html(response.responseJSON.errorMessage);
  } else if (authStatus == "complete"){
     $('#AppDiv').show();
     $('#AuthDiv').hide();
     customAuthenticatorRealmChallengeHandler.submitSuccess();
  }
};
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```

Clicking the **login** button triggers the function that collects the user name and password from HTML input fields and submits them to server. You can set request headers here and specify callback functions.

```
$('#AuthSubmitButton').bind('click', function () {
    var reqURL = '/my_custom_auth_request_url';
    var options = {};
    options.parameters = {
        username : $('#AuthUsername').val(),
        password : $('#AuthPassword').val()
    };
    options.headers = {};
    customAuthenticatorRealmChallengeHandler.submitLoginForm(reqURL, options, customAuthenticatorRealmChallengeHandler.submitLoginFormCallback);<br/>});
```

Clicking the cancel button hides AuthDiv, shows AppDiv and notifies the framework that authentication failed.

```
$('#AuthCancelButton').bind('click', function () {
    $('#AppDiv').show();
    $('#AuthDiv').hide();
    customAuthenticatorRealmChallengeHandler.submitFailure()
;
});
```

The **submitLoginFormCallback** function checks the response for the containing server challenge once again. If the challenge is found, the *handleChallenge* function is called again.

```
customAuthenticatorRealmChallengeHandler.submitLoginFormCallback = function(response) {
   var isLoginFormResponse = customAuthenticatorRealmChallengeHandler.isCustomResponse(response)
;
   if (isLoginFormResponse){
      customAuthenticatorRealmChallengeHandler.handleChallenge(response);
   }
};
```

Sample application

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(http://public.dhe.ibm.com/software/products/en/MobileFirstPlatform/docs/v700/CustomLoginModuleHybridProject.zip) the Studio project.

