JSONStore - Java API

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What is JSONStore?

JSONStore is a lightweight, document-oriented storage system that is included as a feature of IBM® MobileFirst Platform Foundation, and enables persistent storage of JSON documents. Documents in an application are available in JSONStore even when the device that is running the application is offline. This persistent, always-available storage can be useful to access documents when, for example, there is no network connection to the device.

Open

Use openCollections to open one or more JSONStore collections

Starting or provisioning a collections means creating the persistent storage that contains the collection and documents, if it does not exists.

If the persistent storage is encrypted and a correct password is passed, the necessary security procedures to make the data accessible are run.

For optional features that you can enable at initialization time, see **Security, Multiple User Support,** and **MobileFirst Adapter Integration** in the second part of this module

```
<br/>
context context = getContext();
try {
    JSONStoreCollection people = new JSONStoreCollection("people");
    people.setSearchField("name", SearchFieldType.STRING);
    people.setSearchField("age", SearchFieldType.INTEGER);
    List<JSONStoreCollection> collections = new LinkedList<JSONStoreCollection>();
    collections.add(people);
    WLJSONStore.getInstance(context).openCollections(collections);
    // handle success
} catch(JSONStoreException e) {
    // handle failure
}
```

Get

Use <code>getCollectionByName</code> to create an accessor to the collection. You must call <code>openCollections</code> before you call <code>getCollectionByName</code>.

```
Context context = getContext();
try {
   String collectionName = "people";
   JSONStoreCollection collection = WLJSONStore.getInstance(context).getCollectionByName(collectionName)
;
   // handle success
} catch(JSONStoreException e) {
   // handle failure
}
```

The variable collection can now be used to perform operations on the people collection such as add, find, and replace

Add

Use addData to store data as documents inside a collection

```
Context context = getContext();

try {
    String collectionName = "people";
    JSONStoreCollection collection = WLJSONStore.getInstance(context).getCollectionByName(collectionName)
;

//Add options.

JSONStoreAddOptions options = new JSONStoreAddOptions();
options.setMarkDirty(true);
JSONObject data = new JSONObject("{age: 23, name: 'yoel'}")
collection.addData(data, options);
// handle success
} catch(JSONStoreException e) {
// handle failure
}
```

Find

Use findDocuments to locate a document inside a collection by using a query. Use findAllDocuments to retrieve all the documents inside a collection. Use findDocumentById to search by the document unique identifier.

```
Context context = getContext();
 String collectionName = "people";
 JSONStoreQueryPart queryPart = new JSONStoreQueryPart();
 // fuzzy search LIKE
 queryPart.addLike("name", name);
 JSONStoreQueryParts query = new JSONStoreQueryParts();
 query.addQueryPart(queryPart);
 JSONStoreFindOptions options = new JSONStoreFindOptions();
 // returns a maximum of 10 documents, default: returns every document
 options.setLimit(10);
 JSONStoreCollection collection = WLJSONStore.getInstance(context).getCollectionByName(collectionName);
 List<JSONObject> results = collection.findDocuments(query, options);
 // handle success
} catch(JSONStoreException e) {
 // handle failure
}
```

Replace

Use replaceDocument to modify documents inside a collection. The field that you use to perform the replacement is _id, the document unique identifier.

```
Context context = getContext();

try {

String collectionName = "people";

JSONStoreCollection collection = WLJSONStore.getInstance(context).getCollectionByName(collectionName)

;

JSONStoreReplaceOptions options = new JSONStoreReplaceOptions();

// mark data as dirty

options.setMarkDirty(true);

JSONStore replacement = new JSONObject("{_id: 1, json: {age: 23, name: 'chevy'}}");

collection.replaceDocument(replacement, options);

// handle success
} catch(JSONStoreException e) {

// handle failure
}
```

This examples assumes that the document { id: 1, json: {name: 'yoel', age: 23} } is in the collection

Remove

Use removeDocumentById to delete a document from a collection.

Documents are not erased from the collection until you call markDocumentClean. For more information, see the MobileFirst Adapter Integration section later in this tutorial

```
Context context = getContext();

try {

String collectionName = "people";

JSONStoreCollection collection = WLJSONStore.getInstance(context).getCollectionByName(collectionName)

;

JSONStoreRemoveOptions options = new JSONStoreRemoveOptions();

// Mark data as dirty

options.setMarkDirty(true);

collection.removeDocumentById(1, options);

// handle success

} catch(JSONStoreException e) {

// handle failure
}
```

Remove Collection

Use removeCollection to delete all the documents that are stored inside a collection. This operation is similar to dropping a table in database terms

```
Context context = getContext();

try {
    String collectionName = "people";
    JSONStoreCollection collection = WLJSONStore.getInstance(context).getCollectionByName(collectionName)
;
    collection.removeCollection();
    // handle success
} catch(JSONStoreException e) {
    // handle failure
}
```

Destroy

Use destroy to remove the following data:

- All documents
- All collections
- All Stores "See Multiple User Support later in this tutorial"
- All JSONStore metadata and security artifacts "See Security later in this tutorial"

```
Context context = getContext();

try {

WLJSONStore.getInstance(context).destroy()
;

// handle success
} catch(JSONStoreException e) {

// handle failure
}
```

Security

You can secure all the collections in a store by passing a JSONStoreInitOptions object with a password to the openCollections function. If no password is passed, the documents of all the collections in the store are not encrypted.

Some security metadata is stored in shared preferences (Android);

The store is encrypted with a 256-bit Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) key. All keys are strengthened with Password-Based Key Derivation Function 2 (PBKDF2).

Use closeAll to lock access to all the collections until you call openCollections again. If you think of openCollections as a login function you can think of closeAll as the corresponding logout function.

Use changePassword to change the password.

```
Context context = getContext();

try {

JSONStoreCollection people = new JSONStoreCollection("people");

people.setSearchField("name", SearchFieldType.STRING);

people.setSearchField("age", SearchFieldType.INTEGER);

List<JSONStoreCollection> collections = new LinkedList<JSONStoreCollection>()

;

collections.add(people);

JSONStoreInitOptions options = new JSONStoreInitOptions();

options.setPassword("123");

WLJSONStore.getInstance(context).openCollections(collections, options);

// handle success
} catch(JSONStoreException e) {

// handle failure
}
```

Multiple User Support

You can create multiple stores that contain different collections in a single MobileFirst application. The openCollections function can take an options object with a username. If no username is given, the default username is **jsonstore**

```
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try {

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people.setSearchField("name", SearchFieldType.STRING);

people.setSearchField("age", SearchFieldType.INTEGER);

List<JSONStoreCollection> collections = new LinkedList<JSONStoreCollection>();

;

collections.add(people);

JSONStoreInitOptions options = new JSONStoreInitOptions();

options.setUsername("yoel");

WLJSONStore.getInstance(context).openCollections(collections, options);

// handle success
} catch(JSONStoreException e) {

// handle failure
}
```

MobileFirst Adapter Integration

This section assumes that you are familiar with MobileFirst adapters. MobileFirst Adapter Integration is optional and provides ways to send data from a collection to an adapter and get data from an adapter into a collection.

You can achieve these goals by using functions such as WLClient.invokeProcedure or your own instance of an HttpClient if you need more flexibility.

Adapter Implementation

Create a MobileFirst adapter and name it "**People**". Define it's procedures addPerson, getPeople, pushPeople, removePerson, and replacePerson.

```
function getPeople() {
var data = { peopleList : [{name: 'chevy', age: 23}, {name: 'yoel', age: 23}] };
WL.Logger.debug('Adapter: people, procedure: getPeople called.');
WL.Logger.debug('Sending data: ' + JSON.stringify(data));
return data:
function pushPeople(data) {
WL.Logger.debug('Adapter: people, procedure: pushPeople called.');
WL.Logger.debug('Got data from JSONStore to ADD: ' + data);
return;
function addPerson(data) {
WL.Logger.debug('Adapter: people, procedure: addPerson called.');
WL.Logger.debug('Got data from JSONStore to ADD: ' + data);
return:
}
function removePerson(data) {
WL.Logger.debug('Adapter: people, procedure: removePerson called.');
WL.Logger.debug('Got data from JSONStore to REMOVE: ' + data);
return:
function replacePerson(data) {
WL.Logger.debug('Adapter: people, procedure: replacePerson called.');
WL.Logger.debug('Got data from JSONStore to REPLACE: ' + data);
return;
}
```

Load data from MobileFirst Adapter

To load data from a MobileFirst Adapter use WLClient.invokeProcedure.

```
WLResponseListener responseListener = new WLResponseListener() {
 @Override
 public void on Failure (final WLFailResponse response) {
  // handle failure
 }
 @Override
 public void onSuccess(WLResponse response) {
   JSONArray loadedDocuments = response.getResponseJSON().getJSONArray("peopleList");
  } catch(Exception e) {
   // error decoding JSON data
}
};
WLProcedureInvocationData invocationData = new WLProcedureInvocationData("People", "getPeople");
Context context = getContext();
WLClient client = WLClient.createInstance(context);
client.invokeProcedure(invocationData, responseListener);
```

Calling findAllDirtyDocuments returns and array of so called "dirty documents", which are documents that have local modifications that do not exist on the back-end system.

```
Context context = getContext();

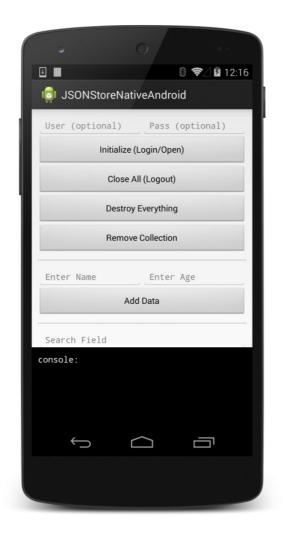
try {
    String collectionName = "people";
    JSONStoreCollection collection = WLJSONStore.getInstance(context).getCollectionByName(collectionName)
;
    List<JSONObject> dirtyDocs = collection.findAllDirtyDocuments();
    // handle success
} catch(JSONStoreException e) {
    // handle failure
}
```

To prevent JSONStore from marking the documents as "dirty", pass the option options.setMarkDirty(false) to add, replace, and remove

Push

To push changes to a MobileFirst adapter, call the findAllDirtyDocuments to get a list of documents with modifications and then use WLClient.invokeProcedure. After the data is sent and a successful response is received make sure you call markDocumentsClean.

```
WLResponseListener responseListener = new WLResponseListener() {
 @Override
 public void on Failure (final WLFailResponse response) {
  // handle failure
 }
 @Override
 public void onSuccess(WLResponse response) {
  // handle success
}
};
Context context = getContext();
WLClient client = WLClient.createInstance(context);
 String collectionName = "people";
 JSONStoreCollection collection = WLJSONStore.getInstance(context).getCollectionByName(collectionName)
 List<JSONObject> dirtyDocuments = people.findAllDirtyDocuments();
 WLProcedureInvocationData invocationData = new WLProcedureInvocationData("People", "pushPeople");
 invocationData.setParameters(new Object[]{dirtyDocuments});
 client.invokeProcedure(invocationData, responseListener);
} catch(JSONStoreException e) {
 // handle failure
}
```



Sample application

Click to download the Studio project

(http://public.dhe.ibm.com/software/products/en/MobileFirstPlatform/docs/v700/JSONStoreAPIBasicsProject.zip) and Native Android project

(http://public.dhe.ibm.com/software/products/en/MobileFirstPlatform/docs/v700/JSONStoreAPINativeAndroidNativeProject.zip)

The Native Android project contains an application that demonstrates the use of JSONStore.

For more information

For more information about JSONStore, see the product user documentation.