

Resource request from native iOS Swift applications

Overview

To create and configure an iOS native project, first follow the “Configuring a native iOS application with the MobileFirst Platform SDK (../hello-world/configuring-a-native-ios-application-with-the-mfp-sdk/)” tutorial.

If you are developing Swift-based applications, make sure that you follow the additional steps.

MobileFirst applications can access resources using the `WLResourceRequest` REST API. This tutorial explains how to use the `WLResourceRequest` API with an HTTP adapter.

Initializing WLClient

1. Access the `WLClient` functionality by calling the `WLClient.sharedInstance` method anywhere in your application.
2. Initiate the connection to the server by using the `wlConnectWithDelegate` method.

For most actions, you must specify a delegate object, such as a `MyConnectListener` instance in the following example:

```
1 | let connectListener = MyConnectListener(vc: self)
2 | WLClient.sharedInstance().wlConnectWithDelegate(connectListener)
```

3. Make sure that your Bridging Header includes the `WLSwiftBridgingHeader.h` file for access to MobileFirst APIs.
4. To specify the delegate object, create a delegate for the `wlConnectWithDelegate` method and receive the response from the MobileFirst Server instance. Name the class `MyConnectListener`. For your `MyConnectListener` class, the header file must specify that it implements the `WLDelegate` protocol.

Note: To avoid a compiler error raising that your delegate does not conform to `NSObjectProtocol`, make your class a subclass of `NSObject`.

```
1 | class MyConnectListener: NSObject, WLDelegate{
2 |     //...
3 | }
```

The `WLDelegate` protocol specifies that the class implements the following methods:

- The **onSuccess** method: `func onSuccess(response: WLResponse!)`
- The **onFailure** method: `func onFailure(response: WLFailResponse!)`

After `wlConnectWithDelegate` finishes, the `onSuccess` method or the `onFailure` method of the supplied `MyConnectListener` instance is called.

In both cases, the response object is passed as an argument.

5. Use this object to operate data that is retrieved from the server.

```
1  func onSuccess(response: WLResponse!) {
2      var resultText = "Connection success. "
3      if(response != nil){
4          resultText += response.responseText
5      }
6      self.vc.updateView(resultText)
7  }
8
9  func onFailure(response: WLFailResponse!) {
10     var resultText = "Connection failure. "
11     if(response != nil){
12         resultText += response.errorMsg
13     }
14     self.vc.updateView(resultText)
15 }
```

Calling an adapter procedure

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

1. To call a procedure, create a `WLResourceRequest` object and specify the path to the adapter and the HTTP method.

```
1  let request = WLResourceRequest(URL: NSURL(string: "/adapters/RSSReader/getFeed"), method:
```

2. Add the required parameters.

- For JavaScript-based adapters, use the `params` parameter name to set an array of parameters.

```
1  request.setQueryParameterValue("[MobileFirst_Platform]", forName: "params")
```

- For Java adapters or other resources, you can use `setQueryParameterValue` for each parameter.

```
1  request.setQueryParameterValue("value1", forName: "param1")
2  request.setQueryParameterValue("value2", forName: "param2")
```

3. Call the procedure by using the `sendWithCompletionHandler` method. Supply a completion handler to manage the retrieved data.

```

1 | request.sendWithCompletionHandler { (WLResponse response, NSError error) -> Void in
2 |     var resultText = ""
3 |     if(error != nil){
4 |         resultText = "Invocation failure."
5 |         resultText += error.description
6 |     }
7 |     else if(response != nil){
8 |         resultText = "Invocation success."
9 |         resultText += response.responseText
10 |    }
11 |    self.updateView(resultText)
12 | }

```

For more granular management of the retrieved data (such as non-text responses, PDF, etc), you can use the `sendWithDelegate` method and provide a delegate that conforms to both the `NSURLConnectionDataDelegate` and `NSURLConnectionDelegate` protocols.

Other signatures, which are not covered in this tutorial, exist for the `send` method. Those signatures enable you to set parameters in the body instead of the query, or to handle the response with a delegate instead of a completion handler. See the user documentation to learn more.

Learn more about `WLResourceRequest` in the user documentation.

Sample application

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

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

- The `InvokingAdapterProcedures` project contains a **MobileFirst native API** that you can deploy to your MobileFirst Server instance.
- The `InvokingAdapterProceduresSwift` project contains a **native iOS Swift application** that uses a MobileFirst native API library to communicate with the MobileFirst Server instance.
- Make sure to update the `worklight.plist` file in **NativeiOSInvoking** with the relevant server settings.

