Authenticity in Native Android applications

This is a continuation of the Application Authenticity Protection (../) tutorial.

Adding required files

From the MobileFirst project's Native API folder, copy the following folders to your native's project lib folder: armabi, armabi-v7a, mips, x86.

The application-descriptor.xml file

You modify the application-descriptor.xml file of your application by adding a security test and a public signing key.

Adding the security test

Add the securityTest attribute to the Android or iPhone/iPad environment element. For example:

<iphone bundleId="com.worklight.MyBankApp" applicationId="MyBankApp" security
Test="customTests" version="1.0">

Adding the public signing key

- 1. Extract the public signing key of the certificate that is used to sign application bundle (apk file).
 - If the application is built for distribution (production), extract the public key from the certificate that is used to sign the production-ready application.
 - o If the application is built in the development environment, you can use the default public key that is supplied by the Android SDK. You can find the development certificate in a keystore that is in a {user-home}/.android/debug.keystore file.

You can extract the public signing key either manually or by using the wizard that MobileFirst Studio provides.

Extracting the public signing key by using the wizard

- Right-click the Android NativeAPI folder and select Extract public signing key.
- 2. Specify the location and the password of a keystore file and click **Load Keystore**. The default password for debug.keystore is android.
- Set the **Key alias** and click **Next**.A dialog displays the public key.
- 4. Click **Finish** to automatically paste the public signing key to the relevant section of the application-descriptor.xml file.



Add the Application package name by using the Application Descriptor Editor (design view).



• Take the Application package name value from the package attribute of the *manifest* node in the AndroidManifest.xml.

If you decide to change the value, make sure that you change it in both locations.

You can also edit the application-descriptor.xml file directly to add the package name:

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