Using CLI to create, build, and manage MobileFirst project artifacts

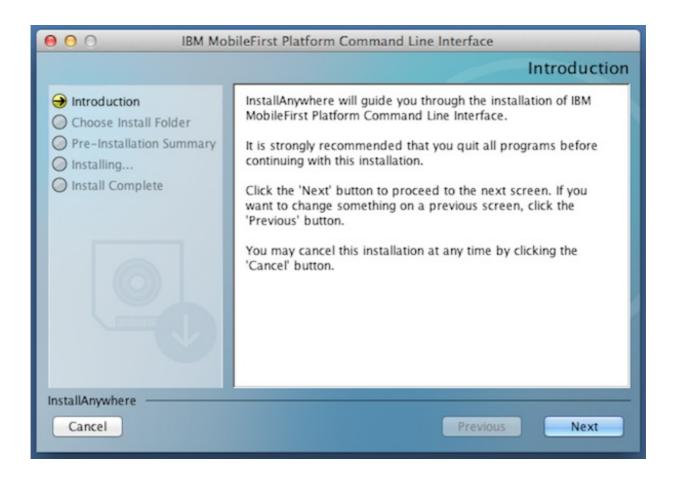
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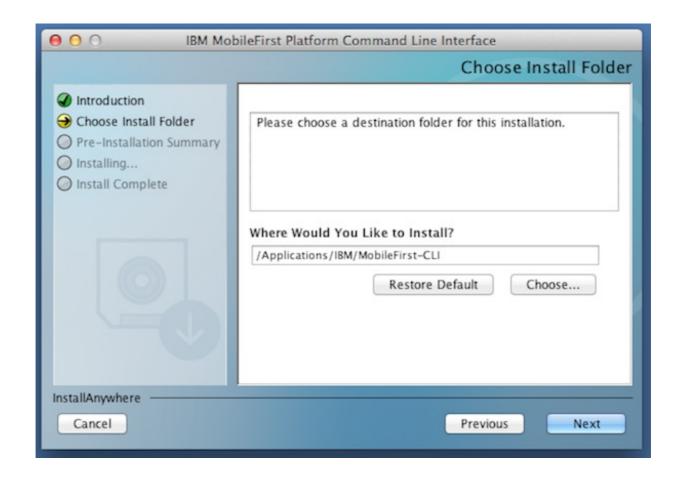
Installation of the Command Line Interface (CLI)

To get the CLI installer, follow through this page first (https://www14.software.ibm.com/webapp/iwm/web/signup.do?source=swgworklight&S_PKG=ov1268&S_CMP=web_dw_rt_swd).

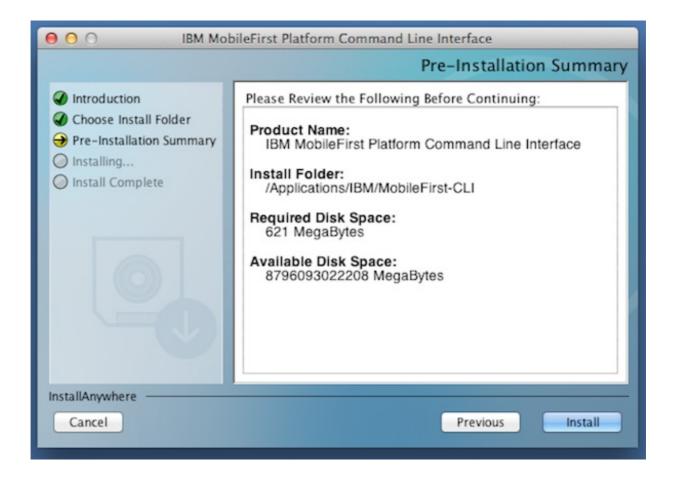
- 1. Extract the **mobilefirst-cli-installer-6.3.zip** archive and navigate to the **mobilefirst-cli-installer-6.3** folder.
- 2. Select the appropriate installer for your operating system and run it.
- 3. Click the **Install** icon to begin the installation.



- 4. Accept the Software License Agreement.
- 5. Select the installation folder.



6. Accept the Pre-Installation Summary by clicking **Install** and then select **Done** when installation is complete.



Creating MobileFirst projects and native API

The CLI installer adds the installation folder to your path, so that IBM MobileFirst Platform CLI commands can be run from any directory.

Create a MobileFirst project from the CLI by using either of these commands: mobilefirst create projectName, or mfp create projectName **Example:**

~/CLlexample \$ mfp create projectName

A MobileFirst Project was successfully created at /Users/CLIUser/CLlexample/projectName

Helpful Commands

mobilefirst help - Shows all command usage:

```
~/CLlexample $ mfp help
NAME
   mobilefirst -- IBM MobileFirst Platform Command Line Interface (CLI).
SYNOPSIS
   mfp <command> [options]
DESCRIPTION
   Command-line interface to create and manage the applications for IBM MobileFirst Platform.
Global Commands
  config [%lt;setting%gt;] [<value>]
  This command allows you to set your configuration preferences.
  console
  This command opens the MobileFirst console in your default browser for the
  current working directory of your project.
  create [%lt;name%gt;]
  This command creates a new MobileFirst project in the current working
  directory.
  create-server
  This command creates a new Liberty server in your default folder.
  The server is configured to work as a MobileFirst local test server.
  help [%lt;command%gt;]
   Displays the syntax summary or command help.
   status
  This command shows the status (running or stopped) of the local test
  server.
  stop
  This command stops the local test server.
Project-Level Commands
   add adapter [<name> --type|-t <adaptertype> [--jsonstore|-j] [--ussd|-u]]
   This command creates a new adapter that is generated into the adapters
  folder of the current project.
   add api [<name> --environment|-e <environment>]
  This command creates a new Native API that is generated into the apps
  folder of the current project.
  add environment [<type>[,...] [--app|-a <app>]]
  This command adds a platform specific environment to a hybrid application.
  You can run mfp add environment (without any arguments). Prompts then
  request the environments that will be generated.
Command-line Flags/Options
  -v, --version prints out this utility's version
   -d, --debug
                 debug mode produces verbose log output
Example usage
  $ mfp create MyProject
  $ cd MyProject
  $ mfp add api MyiOS --environment ios
  $ mfp add adapter MySQLAdapter --type sql
  $ cd MySQLAdapter
  $ mfp build
   $ mfp deploy
```

~/CLlexample \$ mfp info

OS: darwin x64 Release: 13.4.0

System Memory: 3984MB free out of 16384MB

Node: v0.10.30

MobileFirst CLI: 6.3.0.00

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You can use the *interactive* or *direct* options to add native API. First navigate to the MobileFirst project directory.

Interactive:

mobilefirst add api

Direct:

mobilefirst add api --environment ios apiName, or -e for environment

Example: (direct mode)

~/CLIexample \$ cd projectName

~/CLlexample/projectName \$ mfp add api -e ios apiName

A new iOS API was added at /Users/CLIUser/CLIexample/projectName/apps/apiName

Creating hybrid applications

Add a hybrid application from the CLI

mobilefirst add hybrid [] - Creates a new hybrid application, which is generated into the /apps folder of the current project.

~/CLlexample \$ cd projectName

~/CLlexample/projectName \$ mfp add hybrid myApp

A new hybrid app was added at /Users/CLIUser/CLIexample/projectName/apps/myApp

mobilefirst add environment — Adds an environment to your application. Can be used in the project directory if the project only contains one app. Otherwise, select which app to add the environment to, or call the command from inside the directory of the hybrid app the environment should be added to.

~/CLlexample/myProject \$ mfp add environment

[?] Which hybrid app would you want to add environments? (Use arrow keys)

> myApp

myOtherApp

Interactive mode allows you to select one or more environments to add.

~/CLlexample/projectName/apps/myApp \$ mfp add environment

[?] :What environments **do** you want to add to the hybrid app? (Press <space> to **select**)

() iPhone
() iPad
() Android phone and tablets
() BlackBerry 6 and 7
() BlackBerry 10
() Windows Phone 8
() Windows 8 desktop and tablets
() Move up and down to reveal more choices)

To add environments in direct mode:

~/CLlexample/myProject \$ mfp add environment iphone,android --app myOtherApp

A new android Environment was added at /Users/CLIUser/CLIexample/myProject/apps/myOtherApp/android

A new iphone Environment was added at /Users/CLIUser/CLIexample/myProject/apps/myOtherApp/iphone

Application skins

To add an application skin from the CLI, use these commands:

mobilefirst add skin – Interactive mode prompts for the platform to target and name. The current working directory must be under an existing hybrid application, and at least one environment must already be added to this app.

~/CLlexample/projectName/apps/myApp \$ mfp add skin

[?] What platform do you want to target? Android phone and tablets

[?] What **do** you want to be your skin name suffix? Your skin folder name will be 'platform.<suffix>' tablets A new android Skin was added at /Users/CLIUser/CLIexample/projectName/apps/myApp

Direct mode:

mfp add skin [--environment|-e android|blackberry|blackberry10|iphone|ipad skinname]

Optional features

To add optional features to a hybrid application from the CLI, use these commands:

mobilefirst add feature – Interactive mode prompts for the features to add.

~/CLlexample/projectName/apps/myHybrid \$ mfp add feature

[?] What feature **do** you want to install **in** this application? NOTE: Features you have already installed are not shown: (Use arrow keys)

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JSONStore

A new jsonstore feature was added at /Users/CLIUser/CLlexample/projectName/apps/myHybrid

Direct:

- ~/CLlexample/myProject \$ cd apps/myApp/
- ~/CLlexample/myProject/apps/myApp \$ mfp add feature jsonstore

A new jsonstore Feature was added at /Users/CLIUser/CLIexample/myProject/apps/myApp

To remove optional features from a hybrid application by using the CLI, use these commands: mobilefirst remove feature — Interactive mode prompts for the features to remove.

- ~/CLlexample/projectName/apps/myHybrid \$ mfp remove feature
- [?] What feature **do** you want to uninstall from this application? NOTE: Features you have already uninstall ed are not shown: (Use arrow keys)
- **)** JSONStore

A jsonstore Feature was removed from /Users/CLIUser/CLIexample/projectName/apps/myHybrid

mobilefirst remove feature [fips|jsonstore|tealeaf] - direct mode

Editing files

BYOE - Bring Your Own Editor: Use your favorite text editor or IDE to develop from CLI

• Example - vim myAdapterName

Creating test servers and the build-and-deploy flow

The instance of the Liberty development server is created on the default user directory. For example: /Users/CLIUser/.ibm/mobilefirst/6.3.0/server

Server Commands

mfp start - Starts the server. If the project is not deployed, this command runs the build-all-and deploy flow.

mfp stop - Stops the server.

mfp run - Verbose server mode that outputs server events to console or log.

mfp status - Gives the status of the server.

mfp build - Builds the project. When you are not in the root directory of the project, this command builds the current directory and subdirectories.

mfp deploy - Deploys anything that you built in the root directory of the project. The server will be automatically created and started as needed. When you are in the adapter folder, this command deploys that adapter.

mfp bd - Builds and deploys (a combination of both commands in a single command).

mfp preview [environments-name --noshell|-n] - Displays a preview of the current application or environment in your default browser.

mfp restart - Restarts the local test server.

mfp console - Opens the MobileFirst Console in your default web browser.

Creating and testing adapters

mfp add adapter - interactive mode

```
~/CLlexample/projectName/apps/myHybrid $ mfp add adapter
[?] What do you want to name your MobileFirst adapter? myHttpAdapter
[?] What type of adapter would you like? HTTP
[?] Create procedures for offline JSONStore? No
[?] Create procedures for USSD enablement? No
A new HTTP adapter was added at /Users/CLlUser/CLlexample/projectName/adapters/myHttpAdapter
```

mfp add adapter --type http myAdapterName, or -t for type. The types of adapters that can be added are HTTP, SQL, Cast Iron, SAP Netweaver Gateway, and JMS.

~/CLlexample/projectName/apps/myHybrid \$ mfp add adapter --type http testAdapter A new http Adapter was added at /Users/CLluser/CLlexample/projectName/adapters/testAdapter

mfp invoke - interactive mode

```
~/CLlexample/projectName/adapters/myHttpAdapter $ mfp invoke
[?] Which adapter do you want to use? myHttpAdapter
[?] Which procedure do you want to invoke? (Use arrow keys)

• getStories
getStoriesFiltered
```

After a procedure is selected, you are prompted to enter parameters:

```
~/CLlexample/projectName/adapters/myHttpAdapter $ mfp invoke
[?] Which adapter do you want to use? myHttpAdapter
[?] Which procedure do you want to invoke? getStories
[?] Enter the comma-separated parameters: "world"
Invoking %s...
Arguments:
[
 "world"
]
Invocation result:
{
 "statusCode": 200,
 "errors": [],
 "isSuccessful": true,
 "statusReason": "OK",
 "rss": {
  "feedburner": "http://rssnamespace.org/feedburner/ext/1.0",
  "channel": {
    "pubDate": "Thu, 30 Oct 2014 16:30:19 EDT",
    "title": "CNN.com - World",
```

mfp invoke adapterName:function [parameter1[,parameter2...]] - direct mode

```
~/CLlexample/projectName/adapters/myHttpAdapter $ mfp invoke myHttpAdapter:getStories \"world\" {< "statusCode": 200, "errors": [], "isSuccessful": true, "statusReason": "OK", "rss": { "feedburner": "http://rssnamespace.org/feedburner/ext/1.0", "channel": { "pubDate": "Tue, 04 Nov 2014 09:45:37 EST", "title": "CNN.com - World", ...
```

Using the Export command

Interactive Mode project export

By using the export command, you can create a compressed file, which contains the entire MobileFirst project, or the optimized hybrid assets to use in a native application.

mfp export - Running this command in the project root folder prompts you to enter the path and name of the compressed file to export to.

The resulting compressed file is intended to be shared with other MobileFirst developers. The compressed file contains source artifacts and everything another developer would need to build the missing artifacts.

```
~/CLlexample/projectName $ mfp export
[?] Where do you want to export the project? /Users/CLlUser/Desktop
[?] What do you want to name your zip project? projectName
Project successfully exported to /Users/CLlUser/Desktop/projectName.zip
```

Direct Mode project export

mfp export [] - If run from the root folder of the project, direct mode takes one additional argument, which is the full path to the compressed file to create.

```
~/CLlexample/projectName $ mfp export /Users/CLIUser/Desktop/myProject.zip Project successfully exported to /Users/CLIUser/Desktop/myProject.zip
```

Interactive Mode hybrid export

First make sure that the app is built by using the mfp build command.

Run the hybrid asset export within the environment folder of the existing hybrid app. Interactive mode asks whether to include the native libraries, the path, and file name of the compressed file to export to.

The native libraries are built files, which native application IDEs need to ensure the hybrid assets can be used in a native app.

- ~/CLlexample/projectName/apps/myHybrid/iphone \$ mfp export
- [?] Would you like to include the native libraries? Yes
- [?] Where do you want to export the project? /Users/CLIUser/Desktop
- [?] What do you want to name your zip project? myProjectName.zip

Project successfully exported to /Users/CLIUser/Desktop/myProjectName.zip

Direct Mode hybrid export

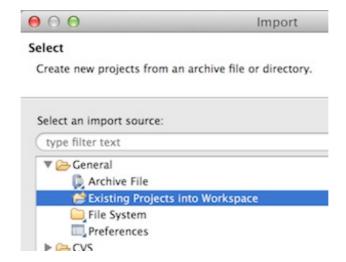
mfp export [path to zip file] [-i | --includeNativeLibs] - In direct mode, provide the full path to export hybrid assets. If the arguments -i or --includeNativeLibs are supplied, the native libraries are included.

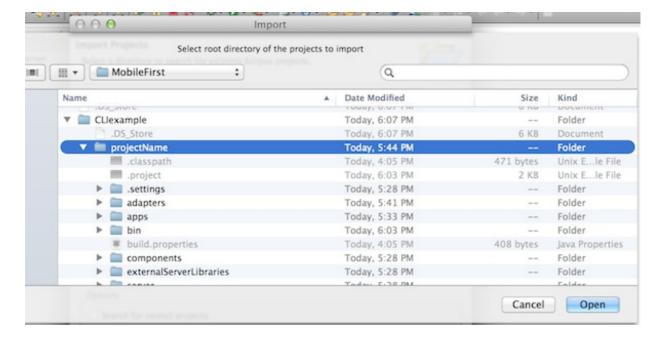
~/CLlexample/projectName/apps/myHybrid/iphone \$ mfp export /Users/CLIUser/Desktop/projectName.zip --includeNativeLibs

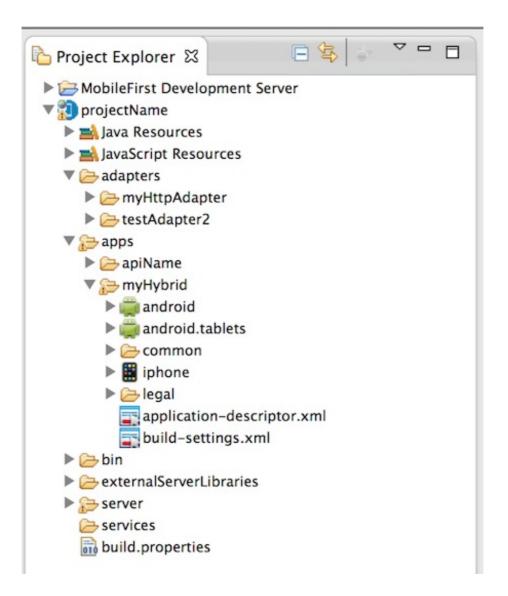
Project successfully exported to /Users/CLIUser/Desktop/projectName.zip

Importing CLI-generated projects into MobileFirst Platform Studio

From Eclipse, select File > Import > Existing Projects into Workspace.







CLI can also open an existing MobileFirst Studio Eclipse project. Using the command line, navigate to a workspace that was created by Eclipse.

```
~/Users/CLIUser/Desktop/EclipseWorkspace/projectName $ Is
adapters bin externalServerLibraries services
apps components server
```

For more information about the Command Line Interface, see the IBM MobileFirst Platform Foundation user documentation.