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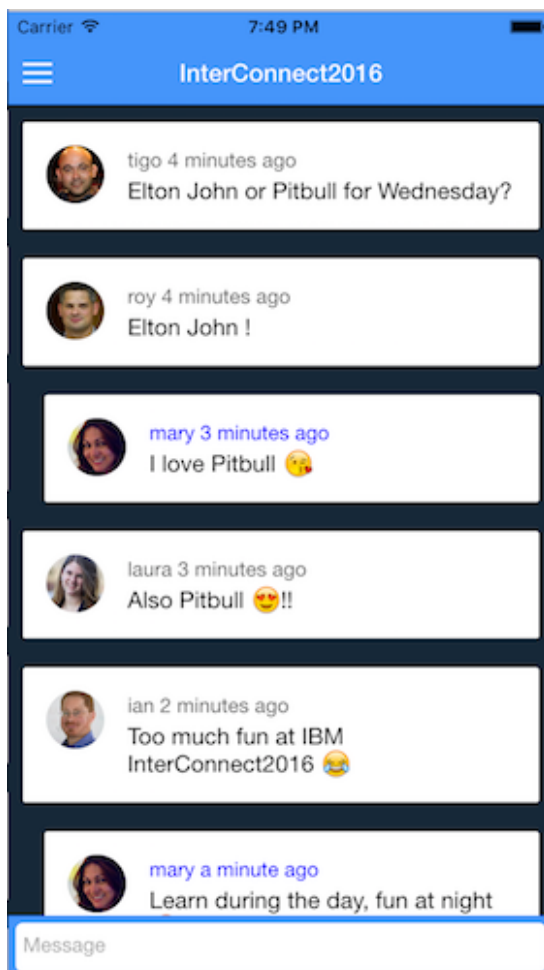
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Your Goal!

- During this Lab you will build a Mobile Chat App that leverages the MFP Server and NodeJS using IBM Bluemix.



1. Bluemix NodeJS Server

1.1 Deploy the NodeJS Server for the Chat Service

- Login into <https://bluemix.net> and verify that you have at least 128MB free for Cloud Foundry Apps




- Click this button or visit <http://ibm.biz/lab6678>
- This will deploy the **nodejs** branch
- Select a unique hostname for your new App, like: "**mychat**"
- Your app will be assigned a https unique URL

like: <https://mychat.mybluemix.net>

Deploy this application to Bluemix

Deploying this app will create a private DevOps Services project for you. [Learn more.](#)




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GIT URL: <https://github.com/csantanapr/IC2016-MFP-Hello-Lab>
GIT BRANCH: nodejs

- ✓ Created project successfully
- ✓ Cloned repository successfully
- ✓ Configured pipeline successfully
- ✓ Deployed to Bluemix successfully

Success!

1.2 Save the url for your new Chat Service

VIEW YOUR APP

- Click  to see the chat app running on the browser and verify the URL like <https://mychat.mybluemix.net>
- Leave the browser window open since we are going to need the URL and use the website for testing our mobile App.

1.3 MFP-CLI Installation

- Verify that your Lab workstation has the MFP-CLI installed by running the following commands in a Terminal window

```
$ mfp help
$ mfp -v
```

- If you don't have the MFP-CLI installed you can download the MFP-CLI from the [MFP Developer Center](#)

2. MFP Server

2.1 Start MFP Server

- Change directory to MFP backend project

```
$ cd MFPBackend
```

- Use the MFP-CLI to start the MFP Server

```
$ mfp start
```

- You can use other MFP-CLI commands to manage the MFP Server

```
$ mfp status
```

2.2 Configure the MFP Adapter

- Open the file `adapters/ChatService/ChatService-impl.js`

```
$ vi adapters/ChatService/ChatService-impl.js
```

- Set the variable chatUrl to the url of your new Chat Service deployed in Step 1 and save the file

```
var chatUrl = 'https://mychat.mybluemix.net';
```

2.3 Deploy Adapter changes

- Change directory to the adapter directory

```
$ cd adapters/ChatService/
```

- Use the MFP-CLI to push only the adapter changes

```
$ mfp push
```

- Use the MFP-CLI to open the console and verify adapter is deployed

```
$ mfp console
```

MobileFirst Operations Console

Hello, admin

MFPBackend

Add new app or adapter

Applications (0)

Adapters (1)

Devices (1)

Push Notifications

Client Log Profiles

License Tracking

Error Log

Adapters

Name ▲

Deploy time

ChatService

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Connectivity

Name	Value
Type	HTTP
Protocol	https
Domain	developer.ibm.com
Port	443
Use Proxy	No

Procedures

Name	Security Test
getChatServiceInfo	None

URLs

URL	Methods
/getChatServiceInfo	GET, POST

- Test the adapter and verify that returns the correct chat url

```
$ mfp adapter call ChatService/getChatServiceInfo
```

- The command will return a response with the url of your nodejs app

Calling `GET '/MFPBackend/adapters/ChatService/getChatServiceInfo?params=[]'`

```
Response: {
  "isSuccessful": true,
  "chatUrl": "https://chatSERVICE.mybluemix.net"
}
```

3. MFP App

3.1 Setup App

- Change directory to the app directory

```
$ cd ../../../MFApp
```

- Use the MFP-CLI to add the Cordova Platform iOS

```
$ mfp cordova platform add ios
```

3.2 Register App with MFP Server

- Use the MFP-CLI to push the app to the running MFP Server

```
$ mfp push
```

- Use the MFP-CLI to verify that the app is registered on the correct server

```
$ mfp server info local
```


- The command will return a list of adapters and apps

```
Connecting to server 'local'
Profile name: local
URL: http://localhost:10080
MFP version: 7.1.0.00-20160206-1558
Is default: true
-----
Runtime: MFPBackend
Bound apps
  IC2016Chat, v1.0.0 - Hybrid (iphone)
Adapters
  ChatService
-----
```

- You can also open the Console and verify that the IC2016Caht app is registered

```
$ mfp console
```


MobileFirst Operations Console

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MFPBackend

Add new app or adapter

Applications (1)

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Applications


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application summary

Environments (1)






Adapters

Name ▲

Deploy time

ChatService

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Devices

1

Active Devices


0

Decomissioned Devices

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View more...

Push Notifications



3.3 Running the App

- Preview the App on the Browser

```
$ mfp cordova preview --type browser
```

- Open MFPApp/platforms/ios/IC2016Chat.xcodeproj
- You can also open from Terminal

```
$ open platforms/ios/*.xcodeproj
```

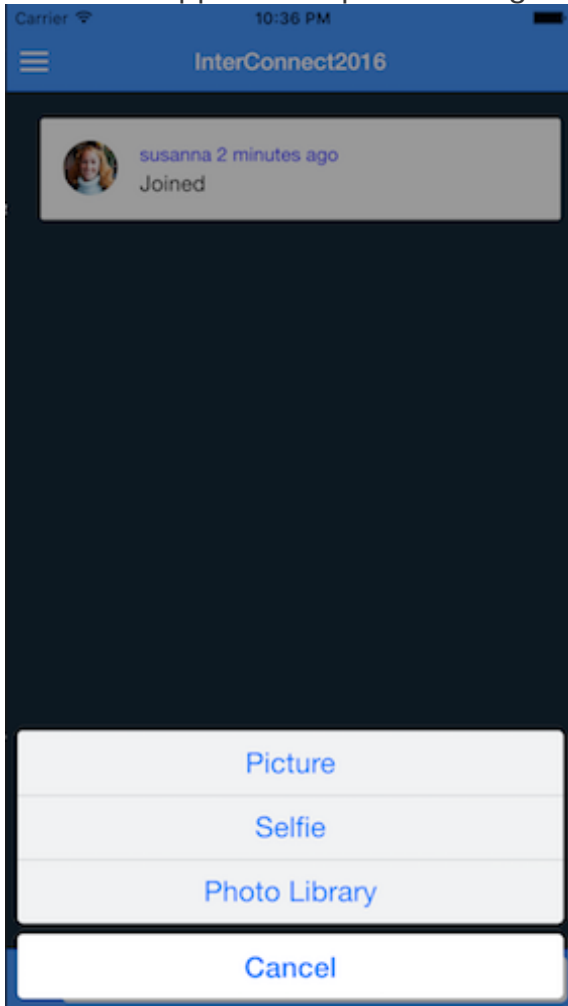
- Click Play Button in XCode to run

3.4 Test the App

- Visit the Chat Service on Bluemix (i.e. <https://mychat.bluemix.net>)
- Now test the chat service between the Browser and the iPhone Simulator
- If the Keyboard doesn't show up in the Simulator, then press Command (⌘) + K
- You can share the Bluemix URL to a friend located in any part of the world and have a conversation.
- This demo App is not configured with Login Authentication, this is something you can easily add using MobileFirst Platform check [MFP Developer Center](#) for more information on security related topics.

4. Extra Credit (Camera access)

- If you finish the Lab in less than 15 minutes you can go ahead and continue
- Enable the App to send photos using the camera or photo library

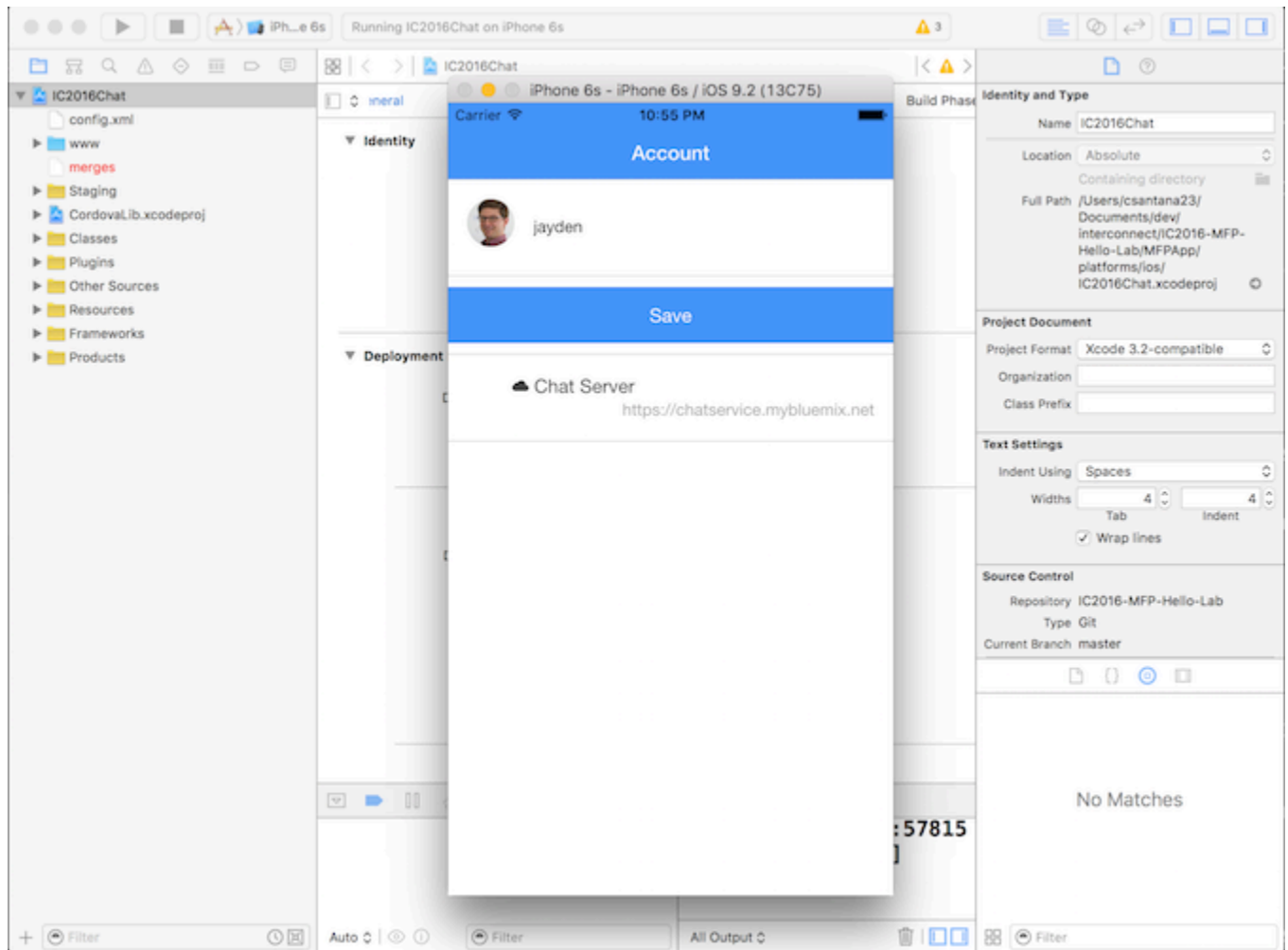


4.1 Open XCode project

- Open `MFPApp/platforms/ios/IC2016Chat.xcodeproj`
- You can also open from Terminal

```
$ open platforms/ios/*.xcodeproj
```

- Click Play Button in XCode to run



4.2 Add the Cordova Camera Plugin

- Change directory to MFPAApp if not already

```
$ cd MFPAApp
```

- Use the MFP-CLI to add the camera plugin

```
$ mfp cordova plugin add camera
```

4.3 Add option to share photo

- Edit `www/templates/chat.html`

```
$ vi www/templates/chat.html
```

- Add a camera icon to call Camera Plugin as the first child of the `<form id="footer-input">`

```
<i class="icon ion-camera" ng-click="takePicture()" ng-show="isWebView"></i>
```

4.4 Prepare App Changes

- Use the MFP-CLI to prepare your changes

```
$ mfp cordova prepare
```

- Click Play Button in XCode to run Simulator
- Touch the Camera button
- Select Photo Library (Real device supports Selfie and Picture buttons)
- Select a Photo to share
- Check the other clients and see the picture you just share

5 Homework for Tonight (MFP Docker on Bluemix)

- If you want to be able to run the App on your iPhone and take it for a spin, you will need to deploy the MFP Server on a public IP Address that your iPhone can reach.
- The easiest way to run MFP Server on the Cloud is using Bluemix Containers.

Visit the Git repository and following the instructions for Section 5 MFP Docker on Bluemix here github.com/csantanapr/IC2016-MFP-Hello-Lab