Android MeetingSDK v0.5.3 Release Notes. (October 10, 2022)

NOTE:

Version 0.5.x of the Visionable Anddroid MeetingSDK is a transitional release that begins to expose functionality available in Visionable's "V3" server architecture. As this architecture is not expected to be in production until 4Q2022, any 0.5.x releases of the MeetingSDK are likely to be unstable and change frequently.

If you are looking to write an application that interfaces with Visionable's V2 architecture, you should remain with v0.4 of the MeetingSDK.

We expect that stability will be established against the V3 architecture with v0.6 of the SDK due when the V3 architecture officially goes into production.

OVERARCHING CHANGES (this text present for ALL v0.5.x releases)

Starting with v0.5, the Visionable MeetingSDK has been re-architected to rely on a layer of cross-platform C++-based code to manage the parsing of XML objects coming from our audio/video engine, for establishing model objects representing Meetings and Participants, and for firing "delegate methods/callbacks" notifying your application of changes in state for the current meeting. Prior to v0.5, these functions were individually implemented per-platform supported in that platform's native language. Moving all of this functionality into a common, C++ codebase should result in consistent behavior when dealing with Visionable back-end servers.

CONNECTING TO V3 SERVERS (this text present for ALL v0.5.x releases)

In Visionable's V3 architecture, a special token (referred to as an MJWT token) is required to join a meeting. There are two types of MJWT tokens: a *guest* MJWT token that doesn't correspond to Visionable user and an *authenticated* MJWT token that is obtained by passing a JWT token obtained from Visionable's authentication system (not covered here). To retrieve an MJWT token, use the new initializeMeetingWithToken API call *instead of* the original initializeMeeting API call (which is used only with V2 servers).

This function still takes a uuid and a server name but now also takes a token parameter that is either NULL if you wish to obtain a guest MJWT or it contains a JWT token if you want to obtain an authenticated MJWT.

The completion routine for initializeMeetingWithToken now is called with a second parameter (String) that contains the MJWT token (guest or authenticated).

Once you obtain an MJWT, you now join the meeting with a call to joinMeeting (same call for either V2 or V3 servers):

The initializeMeetingWithToken function caches the server name you are connecting to, the uuid for the meeting and the MJWT needed to connect to the meeting. When calling joinMeeting, you only need to pass the name of the user to be shown in the meeting as well as the optional userUUID to be associated with this user (pass an empty string to have the SDK generate a UUID for this user). This behavior is slightly different than the APIs in the MeetingSDK for non-Android platforms, and the Android MeetingSDK will likely be refactored in the future to behave in a manner similar to other platforms.

Using these two calls will allow you to connect to a V3 meeting. Once connected, all other SDK functionality is the same as with V2 servers.

CONNECTING TO V2 SERVERS

The APIs for connecting to V2 servers are the same as they were for the v0.4 release of the Android MeetingSDK.

See previous release notes in the v0.5.x series for API changes that were new in previous releases. The rest of these release notes pertain only to the v0.5.3 release.

API CHANGES

New APIs have been added for supporting audio input/output preview. You can start and stop audio input and output preview with the following APIs. When audio input preview is enabled, the INotificationCallback method inputMeterChanged calls will occur. When audio output preview is enabled, the INotificationCallback method outputMeterChanged calls will occur.

public static boolean enableAudioInputPreview(String device)

Start audio input preview events. Input will be taken from the device specified which should be one of the strings returned by the <code>getAudioInputDevices</code> API call. The only available device is called "Default device" and it will reflect whatever the input source is for the device (speakerphone mic, headset, etc.)

public static boolean disableAudioInputPreview(String device)

Stop audio input preview events from the device specified which should be one of the strings returned by the getAudioInputDevices API call. For Android, the only available device is called "Default device" and it will reflect whatever the input source is for the device (speakerphone mic, headset, etc.)

public static boolean enableAudioOutputPreview(String device,String soundPath)

Start audio output preview events. Output will be played on the device specified which should be one of the strings returned by the <code>getAudioOutputDevices</code> API call. For Android, the only available device is called "Default device" and it will reflect whatever the output source is for the device (speakerphone, headset, etc.)

The second argument, <code>soundPath</code>, is an absolute path to a .wav file that should be played to test output. This is a bit tricky on Android devices. Resources (such as .wav files) placed in either the app's assets directory or in the res directory cannot generally be accessed via an absolute path. One solution would be to have your application access the resources and then copy them (programmatically) into a directory (such as the one returned by <code>context.getFilesDir()</code>) which you can access them via an absolute file path.

public static boolean disableAudioOutputPreview(String device)

Stop audio output preview events from the device specified which should be one of the strings returned by the getAudioOutputDevices API call. For Android, the only available device is called "Default device" and it will reflect whatever the output source is for the device (speakerphone, headset, etc.)

CHANGES/FIXES

A bug that caused some applications built with v0.5.2 of the SDK might crash due to a missing webrtc based resource. This has been fixed.

Additional work has been done in streamlining the threading architecture. There are no visible changes for this in the APIs or delegate methods. However, at the C++ level, the underlying model object storage has been converted to use C++11 smart pointers (shared_ptr) which should improve any edge cases where data corruption may have occurred.

KNOWN ISSUES

While the ability to specify a dedicated Looper upon which all delegate methods are invoked, the current Android MeetingSDK does not attempt to create a dedicated Looper if one is not specified. This will result in all delegate method calls being made on the same thread being used to parse low-level audio and video events coming from our audio/video engine.