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Java client-side API for native Android apps

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About this document

This document is intended for Android developers who want to access IBM® Worklight® services from Android applications written in Java $^{\text{TM}}$ and from hybrid Android applications. The document guides you through the available classes and methods.

1 API overview

The IBM Worklight Java client-side API for native Android apps exposes four main capabilities:

- Calling back-end services for retrieving data and performing back-end transactions.
- Writing custom log lines for reporting and auditing purposes.
- Authenticating users before they access sensitive data or perform privileged actions.
- Implementing custom Challenge Handlers to allow for a customized authentication process.

The IBM Worklight Java client-side API for native Android apps is available as part of the Worklight Studio.

Туре	Name	Description	Implemented by
Properties file	wlclient.proper ties	Properties file that contains the necessary data for using the IBM Worklight API.	IBM
Package	com.worklight.w lclient.api	All API classes are defined in this package. You must import this package in the Android code to leverage the capabilities of IBM Worklight.	IBM
Class	WLClient	Singleton class that exposes methods for communicating with the Worklight Server, in particular invokeProcedure for calling a back-end service.	IBM
Class	ChallengeHandle r	Abstract base class for the custom Challenge Handlers. You must extend it to implement custom authentication.	IBM
Class	WLProcedureInvo cationData	Class that holds all data necessary for calling a procedure.	IBM
Class	WLRequestOption s	Class that you can use to change the request timeout and invocation context.	IBM
Interface	WLResponseListe ner	Interface that defines methods that a listener for the WLClient invokeProcedure method implements to receive notifications about the success or failure of the method call.	Application developer

Туре	Name	Description	Implemented by
Class	WLResponse	Class that contains the result of a procedure invocation.	IBM
Class	WLFailResponse	Class that extends WLResponse and that contains error codes and messages in addition to the status in WLResponse. This class contains the original response DataObject from the server as well.	IBM
Class	WLProcedureInvo cationResult	Class that extends WLResponse and that contains the result of calling a back-end service, including statuses and data items that the adapter function retrieves from the server.	IBM
Class	WLProcedureInvo cationFailRespo nse	Class that extends WLFailResponse, and that you can use to retrieve the invocation error messages.	IBM
Enum	WLErrorCode	An enumeration of error messages that are arriving from the Worklight Server.	IBM
Class	WLCookieExtract or	Class that provides access to external cookies that WLClient can use when it is issuing requests to the Worklight Server. This class is used to share session cookies between a web view and a natively implemented page.	IBM
Class	WLPreference	Class that implements a preferences activity for viewing and modifying connectivity properties to the Worklight Server.	IBM
Class	WLDeviceAuthMan ager	Class that provides utility functions that help in the implementation of custom provisioning process of a secure device ID.	IBM
Package	com.worklight.w lclient.ui	Package that holds an activity that is used by the platform to display UI.	IBM

Туре	Name	Description	Implemented by
Class	UIActivity	Android Activity class that is used by the IBM Worklight platform to display UI (dialogs and such) in an Android environment. This class is not exposed to developers, but they must add it to their AndroidManifest.xml file.	IBM
Package	com.worklight.w lclient.api.cha llengehandler	Package that defines Challenge Handler classes to be used in the authentication process.	IBM
Class	BaseChallengeHa ndler	Abstract base class for all the Challenge Handlers.	IBM
Class	WLChallengeHand ler	Abstract base class for the IBM Worklight Challenge Handlers. You must extend it to implement your own version of an IBM Worklight Challenge Handler, for example RemoteDisableChallengeHandler.	IBM

Table 1-1: IBM Worklight Java API for Android packages, classes, interfaces, and files

2 API reference

2.1 Example Code

The following examples show code for using the IBM Worklight Java client-side API for native Android apps.

2.1.1 Example: connecting to the Worklight Server and calling a procedure

Initializing the IBM Worklight Client

```
// run this code in your Android activity
WLClient client = WLClient.createInstance(this);
client.connect(new MyConnectResponseListener ());
```

Implementation of a Response Listener for connect

```
public class MyConnectResponseListener implements
   WLResponseListener{
   @Override
  public void onSuccess(WLResponse response) {
       WLProcedureInvocationData invocationData = new
       WLProcedureInvocationData("myAdapterName",
   "myProcedureName");
       invocationData.setParameters(new Object[]{"stringParam",
   true, 1.0, 1});
       String myContextObject = new String("This is my context
   object");
       WLRequestOptions options = new WLRequestOptions();
       options.setTimeout(10000);
       options.setInvocationContext(myContextObject);
       WLClient.getInstance().invokeProcedure(invocationData, new
  MyInvokeListener (), options);
   @Override
  public void onFailure(WLFailResponse response) {
    WLUtils.error("Connection failed:" + response.getErrorMsg()
}
```

Implementation of a Response Listener for Procedure Invocation

```
public class MyInvokeListener implements WLResponseListener {
   @Override
   public void onSuccess(WLResponse response) {
     WLUtils.debug("Response successful!");
     WLProcedureInvocationResult invocationResponse =
   ((WLProcedureInvocationResult) response);
     JSONArray items;
     try {
           items = (JSONArray)
   invocationResponse.getResult().get("items");
           // do something with the items
           for (int i = 0; i < items.length(); i++) {
                 JSONObject jsonObject = items.getJSONObject(i);
                  (...)
     } catch (JSONException e) {
   }
   @Override
  public void onFailure(WLFailResponse response) {
     WLUtils.error("Response failed: " + response.getErrorMsg());
}
```

2.2 Class WLClient

This class exposes methods for communicating with the Worklight Server. This class is a singleton. It has a single instance which is created only once and accessed statically.

2.2.1 Method createInstance

Syntax

public static WLClient createInstance(Context
context)

Description

This method creates the singleton instance of ${\tt WLClient}$.

Туре	Name	Description
Context	context	This parameter is the Android context, for example the Android Activity that created the WLClient.

Table 2-1: WLClient instantiation

Note: This method is the first WLClient method that you use. It must be called before subsequent calls to getInstance. You must invoke this method at the beginning of the main activity of the application.

2.2.2 Method getInstance

Syntax

public static WLClient getInstance()

Description

This method gets the singleton instance of ${\tt WLClient}$.

2.2.3 Deprecated method init

Note: This method is deprecated. Use connect instead.

2.2.4 Method connect

Syntax

public void connect(WLResponseListener
responseListener)

Description

This method sends an initialization request to the Worklight Server, establishing a connection with the server and validating the application version.

Important: This method must be called before any other WLClient methods that communicate with the Worklight Server, for example InvokeProcedure.

Туре	Name	Description
WLResponseListener	responseListener	When a successful response is returned from the server, the WLResponseListener onSuccess method is called. If an error occurs, the onFailure method is called.

Table 2-2: Method connect parameters

2.2.5 Method invokeProcedure

Syntax

public void invokeProcedure (
WLProcedureInvocationData invocationData,
WLResponseListener responseListener,
WLRequestOptions requestOptions)
public void invokeProcedure(
WLProcedureInvocationData invocationData,
WLResponseListener responseListener)

Description

This method sends an asynchronous call to an adapter procedure. The response is returned to the callback functions of the provided responseListener.

If the invocation succeeds, onSuccess is called. If it fails, onFailure is called.

Parameters

Туре	Name	Description
WLProcedure InvocationData	invocationData	The invocation data for the procedure call.
WLResponseListener	responseListener	The listener object whose callback methods oneSuccess and onFailure are called.
WLRequestOptions	requestOptions	Optional. Invocation options.

Table 2-3: Method invokeProcedure parameters

2.2.6 Method logActivity

Syntax

public void logActivity (String activityType)

Description

This method reports a user activity for auditing or reporting purposes. The activity is stored in the application statistics tables (the ${\tt GADGET\ STAT\ N\ tables}$).

Туре	Name	Description	
String	activityType	A string that identifies the activity.	

Table 2-4: Method logActivity parameters

2.2.7 Method checkForNotifications

Syntax

public void checkForNotifications()

Description

This method is used to check for notifications on the server, such as new block/notify rules, notifications and so on. Calling this method from the onResume Android Activity lifecycle event results in the application checking for new notifications when the activity is brought to the foreground.

2.2.8 Method registerChallengeHandler

Syntax

public void
registerChallengeHandler(BaseChallengeHandler
challengeHandler)

Description

You can use this method to register a Challenge Handler in the client. You must use this method when you implement custom challenge handlers, or when you customize the Remote Disable / Notify Challenge Handler.

Important: you must call this method at the beginning of your application after you initialize WLClient.

Example 1: registering a customized Remote Disable / Notify Challenge Handler

To customize the Remote Disable / Notify Challenge Handler, you must register an instance of type WLChallengeHandler in the client. When you create the Challenge Handler, you must give it the specific realm name wl remoteDisableRealm.

Example 2: customizing the Remote Disable / Notify Challenge Handler

To customize the Remote Disable / Notify Challenge Handler, you must extend WLChallengeHandler and implement the following methods.

```
public void handleSuccess(JSONObject success)
public void handleFailure(JSONObject error)
public void handleChallenge(JSONObject challenge)
```

```
public class MyRemoteDisableCH extends WLChallengeHandler {
  public MyRemoteDisableCH(String realm) {
     super(realm);
   @Override
   /**
   * this method is called after the challenge is answered
   successfully
    * /
  public void handleSuccess(JSONObject success) {
   @Override
    * this method is used to disable the application
  public void handleFailure(JSONObject error) {
    try {
           // get error message
           String message = error.getString("message");
           // get download link
           String downloadLink = error.getString("downloadLink");
           // create and show the disable dialog
     } catch (JSONException e) {
           // handle exception
     }
```

```
}
   @Override
   /**
    * this method is used to notify the application
   public void handleChallenge(JSONObject challenge) {
    try {
           // get message data from challenge
          String message = challenge.getString("message");
          String messageId = challenge.getString("messageId");
           // do something with the message
           // answer the challenge
           submitChallengeAnswer(messageId);
     } catch (JSONException e) {
           // handle exception
     }
}
```

Note: When the application is disabled, the default behavior (implemented in the method handleFailure of RemoteDisableChallengeHandler) is to show a dialog with the appropriate message. It can also show a link to download the new application version. After the dialog is closed, the application continues to work offline. You must implement a similar behavior in the handleFailure code of the customized Remote Disable Challenge Handler.

2.2.9 Method addGlobalHeader

Syntax

public void addGlobalHeader(String headerName, String value)

Description

This method is used to add a global header, which is sent on each request.

Parameters

Туре	Name	Description
String	headerName	The name of the header.
String	value	The value of the header.

Table 2-5: Method addGlobalHeader parameters

2.2.10 Method removeGlobalHeader

Syntax

public void removeGlobalHeader(String headerName)

Description

This method is used to remove a global header. Then, the header is no longer sent on each request.

Parameters

Туре	Name	Description	
String	headerName	The name of the header.	

Table 2-6: Method removeGlobalHeader parameters

2.3 Class ChallengeHandler

This abstract base class is used to create custom Challenge Handlers. You must extend this class to implement your own Challenge Handler logics. This class is mainly used to create custom user authentication.

2.3.1 Method isCustomResponse

Syntax

public abstract boolean isCustomResponse(WLResponse
response)

Description

This method must be overridden by the extending class of ChallengeHandler. In most cases, you call this method to test whether there is a custom challenge to be handled in the response. If the method returns **true**, the IBM Worklight framework calls the handleChallenge method.

Туре	Name	Description
WLResponse response		The response to be tested.

Table 2-7: Method removeGlobalHeader parameters

2.3.2 Method handleChallenge

Syntax

public abstract void handleChallenge(WLResponse challenge)

Description

You must implement this method to handle the challenge logics, for example to show the login screen. The method is called by the IBM Worklight framework whenever the method isCustomResponse returns **true**.

Parameters

Туре	Name	Description
WLResponse	challenge	The response to be handled.

Table 2-8: Method handleChallenge parameters

2.3.3 Method submitFailure

Syntax

protected void submitFailure(WLResponse wlResponse)

Description

You must call this method when the challenge is answered with an error. The method is inherited from BaseChallengeHandler.

Parameters

Туре	Name	Description	
WLResponse	wlResponse	The received WLResponse.	

Table 2-9: Method submitFailure parameters

2.3.4 Method submitSuccess

Syntax

protected void submitSuccess(WLResponse response)

Description

You must call this method when the challenge is answered successfully, for example after the user submits the login form successfully. Then, this method sends the original request.

Parameters

Туре	Name	Description
WLResponse response		The received WLResponse.

Table 2-10: Method submitSuccess parameters

2.3.5 Method submitLoginForm

Syntax

protected void submitLoginForm(String requestURL,
Map<String, String> requestParameters, Map<String,
String> requestHeaders,int
requestTimeoutInMilliseconds, String requestMethod)

Description

This method is used to send collected credentials to a specific URL. You can also specify request parameters, headers, and timeout.

The success/failure delegate for this method is the instance itself (the instance of ChallengeHandler), so you must override the onSuccess / onFailure methods.

Туре	Name	Description
String	requestURL	Absolute URL if the user sends an absolute URL that starts with http://orhttps:// Otherwise, URL relative to the Worklight Server.
Map <string, string=""></string,>	requestParameters	The request parameters.
Map <string, string=""></string,>	requestHeaders	The request headers.
int	requestTimeoutInMi lliseconds	To supply custom timeout, use a number over 0. If the number is under 0, the IBM Worklight framework uses the default timeout, which is 10,000 milliseconds.
String	requestMethod	The HTTP method to be used. Acceptable values are GET, POST. The default value is POST.

Table 2-11: Method submitLoginForm parameters

2.3.6 Method submitAdapterAuthentication

Syntax

public void submitAdapterAuthentication(WLProcedureInvocationDa ta invocationData, WLRequestOptions requestOptions)

Description

This method is used to invoke a procedure from the Challenge Handler.

Parameters

Туре	Name	Description
WLProcedureInvocatio nData	invocationData	The invocation data, for example the name of the procedure or the name of the method.
WLRequestOptions	requestOptions	Holds the following options. timeout - int: Time in milliseconds for this invokeProcedure to wait before it fails with WLErrorCodeRequestTimeout. The default timeout is 10,000 milliseconds. To disable the timeout, set this parameter to 0. invocationContext - Object: An object that is returned with WLResponse to the delegate methods. You can use this object to distinguish different invokeProcedure Calls.

Table 2-12: Method submitAdapterAuthentication parameters

2.3.7 Method onSuccess

Syntax

public void onSuccess(WLResponse response)

Description

This method is the success handler for ${\tt submitLoginForm}$ or ${\tt submitAdapterAuthentication}.$

Туре	Name	Description
WLResponse	response	The received response.

Table 2-13: Method onSuccess parameters

2.3.8 Method on Failure

Syntax

public void onFailure(WLFailResponse response)

Description

This method is the failure handler for ${\tt submitLoginForm}$ or ${\tt submitAdapterAuthentication}.$

Parameters

Туре	Name	Description
WLFailResponse response		The received response.

Table 2-14: Method on Failure parameters

Example: implementing a form-based Challenge Handler

```
Register the custom handler in the Main Activity
* /
public class FormBasedAuthentication extends Activity {
   @Override
  public void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
    super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
    WLClient client = WLClient.createInstance(this);
    client.registerChallengeHandler (new
  SampleAppRealmChallengeHandler ("SampleAppRealm"));
};
* Implementation of Custom Challenge Handler
class SampleAppRealmChallengeHandler extends ChallengeHandler {
  public SampleAppRealmChallengeHandler(String realm) {
    super(realm);
* Called when the framework needs to identify custom response.
* In this example is identified by "j_security_check" string
  located in response text.
* /
@Override
  public boolean isCustomResponse(WLResponse response) {
    if (response == null | response.getResponseText() == null | |
        response.getResponseText().indexOf("j_security_check") == -
   1) {
          return false;
    }
    return true;
* Called to handle custom challenge
```

```
/*
  @Override
  public void handleChallenge(WLResponse response) {
// ... //
    Show login form and ask for user name and password
    When the user name and password are provided by user, pass them
  back to the server using
  submitLoginForm API.
// ... //
    Map<String, String> params = new HashMap<String, String>();
    params.put("j_username", "test");
    params.put("j_password", "pwd");
    super.submitLoginForm("j_security_check", params, null, 0,
   "post");
* onSuccess is always called when the server returns a response. A
  developer is responsible to parse the response
* and display a login form (handle challenge) or submit success
  answer.
* /
  @Override
  public void onSuccess(WLResponse response) {
    if (isCustomResponse(response)) {
          handleChallenge(response);
    } else {
          submitSuccess(response);
    }
* onFailure is called in case of socket/timeout exceptions
  WLErrorCode is set to
* REQUEST_TIMEOUT/UNRESPONSIVE_HOTS codes. In case of general
  exception error code is
* UNEXPECTED ERROR.
* /
```

```
@Override
public void onFailure(WLFailResponse response) {
    submitFailure(response);
}
```

2.4 Class WLProcedureInvocationData

This class holds all data necessary for calling a procedure, including:

- The name of the adapter and procedure to call.
- The parameters that are required by the procedure.

2.4.1 Method setParameters

Syntax

public void setParameters(Object [] parameters)

Description

This method sets the request parameters.

Parameters

Туре	Name	Description
Object []	parameters	An array of objects of primitive types (String, Integer, Float, Boolean, Double). The order of the objects in the array is the order in which they are sent to the adapter.

Table 2-15: Method setParameters parameters

Example

2.5 Class WLRequestOptions

This class changes the timeout and invocation context.

2.5.1 Methods getTimeout, setTimeout

Syntax

public int getTimeout()

public void setTimeout(int timeout)

Description

getTimeout: this method gets the currently used request timeout (default is 10 sec).

setTimeout: this method sets a new timeout.

Parameters

Туре	Name	Description
int	timeout	Timeout in milliseconds for waiting for the procedure invocation. If the timeout expires, the WLResponseListener onFailure method is called. The value 0 indicates no timeout.

Table 2-16: Methods getTimeout, setTimeout parameters

2.5.2 Methods getInvocationContext, setInvocationContext

Syntax

public Object getInvocationContext()

public void setInvocationContext(Object invocationContext)

Parameters

Туре	Name	Description
Object	invocationContext	An object that is returned with WLResponse to the listener methods onSuccess and onFailure. You can use this object to identify and distinguish different invokeProcedure calls. This object is returned as is to the listener methods.

Table 2-17: Methods getInvocationContext, setInvocationContext parameters

2.6 Interface WLResponseListener

This interface defines methods that the listener for the WLClient.invokeProcedure method implements to receive notifications about the success or failure of the method call.

2.6.1 Method onSuccess

Syntax

public void onSuccess (WLResponse response)

Description

This method is called following successful calls to the WLCLient connect or invokeProcedure methods.

Parameters

Туре	Name	Description
WLResponse	response	The response that is returned from the server, along with any invocation context object and status.

Table 2-18: Method onSuccess parameters

2.6.2 Method on Failure

Syntax

public void onFailure (WLFailResponse response)

Description

This method is called if any failure occurred during the execution of the WLCLient connect or invokeProcedure methods.

Parameters

	Туре	Name	Description
	WLFailResponse	response	A response that contains the error code and error message. Optionally, it can also contain the results from the server and any invocation context object and status.

Table 2-19: Method onSuccess parameters

2.7 Class WLResponse

This class contains the result of a procedure invocation. IBM Worklight passes this class as an argument to the listener methods of the WLClient invokeProcedure method.

2.7.1 Method getStatus

Syntax

public int getStatus()

Description

This method retrieves the HTTP status from the response.

2.7.2 Method getInvocationContext

Syntax

public Object getInvocationContext()

Description

This method retrieves the invocation context object that is passed when calling invokeProcedure.

2.7.3 Method getResponseText

Syntax

public Object getResponseText()

Description

This method retrieves the original response text from the server.

2.8 Class WLFailResponse

This class extends <code>WLResponse</code> and contains error codes and messages in addition to the status in <code>WLResponse</code>. It contains the original response DataObject from the server as well.

2.8.1 Method getErrorCode

Syntax

public WLErrorCode getErrorCode ()

Description

The possible errors are described in the WLErrorCode section.

2.8.2 Method getErrorMsg

Syntax

public String getErrorMsg()

Description

This error message is for the developer and not necessarily suitable for the user.

2.9 Class WLProcedureInvocationResult

This class extends WLResponse. It holds statuses and data that are retrieved by an adapter procedure.

2.9.1 Method is Successful

Syntax

public boolean isSuccessful()

Description

This method returns **true** if the procedure invocation was technically successful. Application errors are returned as part of the retrieved data, and not in this flag.

2.10 Class WLProcedureInvocationFailResponse

This class extends WLFailResponse. It holds statuses and data that are retrieved by an adapter procedure.

2.10.1 Method getProcedureInvocationErrors

Syntax

public List<String> getProcedureInvocationErrors()

Description

This method returns a list of applicative error messages that are collected while the method is calling the procedure.

2.10.2 Method getResult

Syntax

public JSONObject getResult() throws JSONException

Description

This method returns a ${\tt JSONObject}$ that represents the ${\tt JSON}$ response from the server.

2.11 Enum WLErrorCode

Description

The Worklight Server can return the following error messages:

UNEXPECTED_ERROR

REQUEST_TIMEOUT

REQUEST_SERVICE_NOT_FOUND

UNRESPONSIVE_HOST

PROCEDURE_ERROR

APP_VERSION_ACCESS_DENIAL

APP_VERSION_ACCESS_NOTIFY

2.12 Class WLCookieExtractor

This class provides access to external cookies that can be used by WLClient when it issues requests to the Worklight Server. This class is used to share session cookies between a web view and a natively implemented page.

2.12.1 Static member cookies

Syntax

public static String cookies

Description

The static member cookies are the cookies that are shared by the WLCookieExtractor. They can be accessed statically.

3 Adding the IBM Worklight Settings activity to a Native Android Application

You can add a standard IBM Worklight Preferences screen to your application. This screen enables users to view and modify the URL of the Worklight Server with which the application communicates. Adding the screen is beneficial for demonstrations and testing scenarios with multiple environments and multiple servers.

Follow these steps to add the standard IBM Worklight Settings activity to your application:

3.1 Changing the manifest.xml File

Declare the activity in your manifest.xml file:

```
<!-- Preferences Activity -->
<activity android:name="com.worklight.common.WLPreferences"
    android:label="Worklight Settings">
</activity>
```

3.2 Changing your application code

- Add code to open WLPreferences and to receive results from WLPreferences. The Intent object that is returned from WLPreferences has two properties:
 - isServerURLChanged indicates whether the Worklight
 Server URL in the Preferences activity changed
 - serverURL the value of the Worklight Server URL in the Preferences activity

The following sample code uses the WLPreferences activity:

```
//code inside parent activity
//Use any code to identify the activity that back from the stack
private static final int WL_PREFERENCES_CODE = 10;

// open the activity
Intent myIntent = new Intent(getApplicationContext(),
    WLPreferences.class);
this.startActivityForResult(myIntent, WL_PREFERENCES_CODE);

//wait for result
```

3.3 Localizing the Preferences Screen

You can localize the strings on the Preferences screen by defining the following strings in your strings.xml file:

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