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C# client-side API for native Windows 8 apps

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About this document

This document is intended for Windows 8 developers who want to access IBM MobileFirst Platform Foundation services from Windows 8 applications written in C#. The document guides you through the available classes and methods.

1 API overview

The IBM MobileFirst Platform Foundation C# client-side API for native Windows 8 applications exposes two main capabilities:

- Calling back-end services to retrieve data and perform back-end transactions.

- Writing custom log lines for reporting and auditing purposes.

The IBM MobileFirst Platform Foundation C# client-side API for native Windows 8 applications is available as part of the IBM MobileFirst Platform Studio.

Type	Name	Description	Implemented By
Properties file	`wlclient.properties`	Properties file that contains the necessary data to connect to IBM MobileFirst Platform Server.	IBM
Class	`WLClient`	Singleton class that exposes methods to communicate with the MobileFirst Server, in particular `invokeProcedure` for calling a back-end service.	IBM
Class	`WLProcedure InvocationData`	Class that contains all data necessary to call a procedure.	IBM
Class	`WLRequestOptions`	Class that you use to add request parameters, headers, and invocation context.	IBM
Interface	`WLResponseListener`	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
Class	`WLResponse`	Class that contains the result of a procedure invocation.	IBM

Type	Name	Description	Implemented By
Class	`WLFailResponse`	Class that extends `WLResponse`. This class contains error codes, messages, and the status in `WLResponse`. This class also contains the original response `DataObject` from the server.	IBM
Class	`WLProcedureInvocationResult`	Class that extends `WLResponse`. This class contains the result of calling a back-end service, which includes statuses and data items that the adapter function retrieves from the server.	IBM
Class	`WLProcedureInvocationFailResponse`	Class that extends `WLFailResponse` and that you can use to retrieve the invocation error messages.	IBM
Class	`WLErrorCode`	Class that contains an error code and its message that arrive from the MobileFirst Server.	IBM

Table 1-1: IBM MobileFirst Platform Foundation C# client-side API for Windows 8 applications – packages, classes, interfaces, and files

2   API reference

2.1   Example Code

The following code samples show how to use the IBM MobileFirst Platform Foundation C# client-side API for native Windows 8 applications.

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

Initializing the MobileFirst client

```
WLClient client = WLClient.getInstance();
client.connect(new MyConnectResponseListener());
```

Implementation of a Response Listener for connect

```
public class MyConnectResponseListener : WLResponseListener{
  public void onFailure(WLFailResponse response) {
    Debug.WriteLine("Response fail: " + response.getErrorMsg());
  }
  public void onSuccess(WLResponse response) {
    WLProcedureInvocationData invocationData = new
WLProcedureInvocationData("myAdapterName", "myProcedureName");
    invocationData.setParameters(new Object[]{"stringParam"});
    String myContextObject = new String("This is my context object");
    WLRequestOptions options = new WLRequestOptions();
    options.setInvocationContext(myContextObject);
    WLClient.getInstance().invokeProcedure(invocationData, new
MyInvokeListener(), options);
  }
}
```

Implementation of a Response Listener for Procedure Invocation

```
public class MyInvokeListener : WLResponseListener {
  public void onFailure(WLFailResponse response) {
    Debug.WriteLine("Response failed: " + response.getErrorMsg());
```

```
  }
  public void onSuccess(WLResponse response) {
    WLProcedureInvocationResult invocationResponse =
((WLProcedureInvocationResult) response);
    JObject items;
    try {
      items = invocationResponse.getResponseJSON();
      // do something with the items
    } catch (JSONException e) {
      }
  }
}
```

2.2 Class WLClient

This singleton class exposes methods that you use to communicate with the MobileFirst Server.

2.2.1 Method getInstance

Syntax

```
public static WLClient getInstance()
```

Description

```
This method gets the singleton instance of
WLClient.
```

2.2.2 Method connect

Syntax

```
public void connect(WLResponseListener
responseListener)
```

Description

This method sends an initialization request to the MobileFirst Server, establishes a connection with the server, and validates the application version.

Important: You must call this method before any other `WLClient` methods that communicate with the MobileFirst Server.

Parameters

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

Table 2-1: Method connect parameters

2.2.3 Method invokeProcedure

Syntax

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


public void invokeProcedure (
WLProcedureInvocationData invocationData,
WLResponseListener listener)
```

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, the onSuccess method is called. If the invocation fails, the onFailure method is called.

Parameters

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

Table 2-2: Method invokeProcedure parameters

2.2.4 Method logActivity

Syntax

```
public void logActivity(String activityType)
```

Description

This method reports a user activity for auditing or reporting purposes.

The MobileFirst Server maintains a separate database table to store application statistics.

Important: Ensure that reports.exportRawData is set to `true` in the `worklight.properties` file. Otherwise, the activity is not stored in the database. You must also ensure that the following properties are entered appropriately in the `worklight.properties` file:

- `wl.reports.db.type`

- `wl.reports.db.url`

- `wl.reports.db.username`

- `wl.reports.db.password`

Parameters

Type	Name	Description
String	activityType	A string that identifies the activity type.

Table 2-3: Method logActivity parameters

2.2.5 Method setHeartbeatInterval

Syntax

```
public void setHeartbeatInterval(int value)
```

Description

This method sets the interval, in seconds, at which the MobileFirst Server sends the heartbeat signal. You use the heartbeat signal to ensure that the session with the server is kept alive when the app does not issue any call to the server, such as `invokeProcedure`.

By default, the interval is set to 7 minutes.

Parameters

Type	Name	Description
int	value	An interval value in seconds, at which the heartbeat signal is sent to MobileFirst Server.

Table 2-4: Method setHeartbeatInterval parameters

2.3 Class WLProcedureInvocationData

This class contains all data necessary to call a procedure, including the following elements:

- The names of the adapter and procedure to call.

- The parameters that the procedure requires.

2.3.1 Method setParameters

Syntax

```
public void setParameters(Object [] parameters)
```

Description

This method sets the request parameters.

Parameters

Type	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 2-5: Method setParameters parameters

Example

```
invocationData.setParameters(new Object[]{"stringParam", true, 1.0,
1});
```

2.4 Class WLRequestOptions

This class contains the request parameters, headers, and invocation context.

2.4.1 Method addParameter

Syntax

```
public void addParameter(String name,String value)
```

Description

This method adds a request parameter with the given name and value.

Parameters

Type	Name	Description
String	name	The name of the parameter.
String	value	The value of the parameter.

Table 2-6: Method addParameter parameters

2.4.2 Method addParameters

Syntax

```
public void addParameters(Dictionary<String,
String> parameters)
```

Description

This method adds a table of request parameters.

Parameters

Type	Name	Description
Dictionary `<String,String>`	parameters	Request parameters table.

Table 2-7: Method addParameters parameters

2.4.3 Method getParameter

Syntax

```
public String getParameter(String name)
```

Description

This method returns the value of the parameter that is set.

Parameters

Type	Name	Description
String	name	The name of the parameter.

Table 2-8: Method getParameter parameters

2.4.4 Method getParameters

Syntax

```
public Dictionary<String,String> getParameters()
```

Description

This method returns the parameters table.

2.4.5 Method getResponseListener

Syntax

```
public WLResponseListener getResponseListener()
```

Description

This method returns the response listener for this request.

2.4.6 Method addHeader

Syntax

```
public void addHeader(String name,String value)
```

Description

This method adds a header with the given name and value.

Parameters

Type	Name	Description
String	name	The name of the header.
String	value	The value of the header.

Table 2-9: Method addHeader parameters

2.4.7 Method setHeaders

Syntax

```
public void setHeaders(WebHeaderCollection
extraHeaders)
```

Description

This method sets the request with the given headers.

Parameters

Type	Name	Description
WebHeaderCollection	extraHeaders	The headers to be set.

Table 2-10: Method setHeaders parameters

2.4.8 Method getHeaders

Syntax

```
public WebHeaderCollection getHeaders()
```

Description

This method returns the headers that are set for this request.

2.4.9 Methods getInvocationContext, setInvocationContext

Syntax

```
public Object getInvocationContext()
```

```
public void setInvocationContext(Object
invocationContext)
```

Parameters

Type	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 2-11: Methods getInvocationContext, setInvocationContext parameters

2.5 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.

2.5.1 Method onSuccess

Syntax

```
public void onSuccess (WLResponse response)
```

Description

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

Parameters

Type	Name	Description
WLResponse	response	The response that the server returns, along with any invocation context object and status.

Table 2-12: Method onSuccess parameters

2.5.2 Method onFailure

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

Type	Name	Description
WLFailResp onse	response	A response that contains the error code and error message. Optionally, this response contains the results from the server, and any invocation context object and status.

Table 2-13: Method onFailure parameters

2.6 Class WLResponse

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

2.6.1 Method getStatus

Syntax

```
public HttpStatusCode getStatus()
```

Description

This method retrieves the HTTP status from the response.

2.6.2 Method getInvocationContext

Syntax

```
public Object getInvocationContext()
```

Description

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

2.6.3 Method getResponseText

Syntax

```
public String getResponseText()
```

Description

This method retrieves the original response text from the server.

2.6.4 Method getResponseJSON

Syntax

```
public JObject getResponseJSON()
```

Description

This method retrieves the response text from the server in JSON format.

2.7 Class WLFailResponse

This class extends `WLResponse`. This class contains error codes, messages, the status in `WLResponse`, and the original response `DataObject` from the server.

2.7.1 Method getErrorCode

Syntax

```
public WLErrorCode getErrorCode ()
```

Description

The `WLErrorCode` section describes the possible errors.

2.7.2 Method getErrorMsg

Syntax

```
public String getErrorMsg()
```

Description

This method returns an error message that is for the developer and not necessarily suitable for the user.

2.8 Class WLProcedureInvocationResult

This class extends `WLResponse`. This class contains statuses and data that an adapter procedure retrieves.

2.8.1 Method getResult

Syntax

```
public JObject getResult()
```

Description

This method returns a `JObject` that represents the JSON response from the server.

2.8.2 Method isSuccessful

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.

2.9   Class WLProcedureInvocationFailResponse

This class extends `WLFailResponse`. This class contains statuses and data that an adapter procedure retrieves.

2.9.1 Method getProcedureInvocationErrors

Syntax

```
public List<String> getProcedureInvocationErrors()
```

Description

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

2.9.2 Method getResult

Syntax

```
public JObject getResult()
```

Description

This method returns a `JObject` that represents the JSON response from the server.

2.10 Class WLErrorCode

This class contains the error code and its description that the server returns.

2.10.1   Method getDescription

Syntax

```
public String getDescription()
```

Description

This method returns the description of this error code instance.

2.10.2   Method valueOf

Syntax

```
public static WLErrorCode valueOf(String errorCode)
```

Description

This method returns the error code instance of the `errorCode` that is given.

Error Codes

UNEXPECTED_ERROR – Unexpected `errorCode` occurred. Please try again.

REQUEST_TIMEOUT – Request timed out.

UNRESPONSIVE_HOST – The service is currently unavailable.

PROCEDURE_ERROR – Procedure invocation `errorCode`.

PROCEDURE_PROTECTED_ERROR – Procedure is protected.

APP_VERSION_ACCESS_DENIAL – Application version denied.

APP_VERSION_ACCESS_NOTIFY – Notify application version changed.

2.11 Class BaseChallengeHandler

This class is an abstract base class for all challenge handlers.

2.11.1 Constructor

Syntax

```
public BaseChallengeHandler(String realm)
```

Description

This method creates a BaseChallengeHandler object for a particular `realm.`

2.11.2 Method handleChallenge(T challenge)

Syntax

```
public abstract void handleChallenge(T challenge)
```

Description

This method must be implemented by the subclass to handle the challenge logic. For example, show a login form in a challenge from a `FormBasedAuthenticator`.

2.11.3 Method submitFailure(WLResponse wlResponse)

Syntax

```
protected void submitFailure(WLResponse wlReponse)
```

Description

You must call this method when the challenge is answered with an error. The method is inherited from `BaseChallengeHandler`. Calling this method tells IBM MobileFirst Platform Foundation that the challenge was unsuccessful and that you no longer want to take any

actions to attempt to resolve the problem. This method returns control to IBM MobileFirst Platform Foundation for further handling. For example, call this method only when you know that several authentication attempts were unsuccessful and you do not want the user to continue attempting to authenticate into the realm.

2.12 Class ChallengeHandler

This class is an abstract class that you must extend to create custom challenge handlers.

2.12.1   Constructor

Syntax

```
public ChallengeHandler(String realmName)
```

Description

This method creates a `ChallengeHandler` object for a particular realm.

2.12.2   Method isCustomResponse

Syntax

```
public abstract bool isCustomResponse(WLResponse response)
```

Description

You must implement this method to return whether a response from the server is a challenge for this `ChallengeHandler`. The implementation must parse the response to determine whether or not the response is a challenge for this `ChallengeHandler`. For example, a `ChallengeHandler` for a realm with a form-based authenticator must parse the response to search for the `j_security_test` parameter and return `true` if found.

2.12.3   Method submitSuccess

Syntax

```
protected void submitSuccess(WLResponse response)
```

Description

You must call this method from the subclass within the `onSuccess` of your `ChallengeHandler`.

2.12.4   Method submitLoginForm

Syntax

```
protected void submitLoginForm(String requestURL,
Dictionary<String, String> requestParameters,
Dictionary<String, String> requestHeaders, int
requestTimeoutInMs, String requestMethod)
```

Description

This helper method submits a login form by making an HTTP request to the specified requestURL.

Parameters

Type	Name	Description
String	requestURL	The full or relative URL to which the request must be made.
Dictionary<String, String>	requestParameters	A Dictionary object with name-value pairs of request parameters.
Dictionary<String, String>	requestHeaders	A Dictionary object consisting of the additional headers that must be sent along with the HTTP request
int	requestTimeoutInMs	The time in milliseconds the request must wait before timing out.
String	requestMethod	The method to use. Specify get or post.

Table 2-14: Method submitLoginForm parameters

2.12.5   Method submitAdapterAuthentication

Syntax

```
protected void submitAdapterAuthentication(String
WLProcedureInvocationData invocationData,
WLRequestOptions requestOptions)
```

Description

This helper method submits a response to a challenge made by an AdapterAuthenticator by using an invokeProcedure call to the adapter procedure.

Parameters

Type	Name	Description
WLProcedureInvocationData	invocationData	The WLProcedureInvocationData object that contains the name of the adapter and the procedure.
WLRequestOptions	requestOptions	A WLRequestOptions object with request options.

Table 2-15: Method submitAdapterAuthentication parameters

2.13 Class WLChallengeHandler

This class is an abstract base class for MobileFirst challenge handlers. You must extend it to implement your own version of a MobileFirst challenge handler, for example, the RemoteDisableChallengeHandler.

2.13.1 Constructor

Syntax

```
public WLChallengeHandler(String realm)
```

Description

This method creates a WLChallengeHandler object for a particular realm.

2.13.2 Method submitChallengeAnswer

Syntax

```
public void submitChallengeAnswer(Object answer)
```

Description

Sends the answer back to the server.

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