SAP Fiori Mobile (v2.1.x)

Introduction

What are hybrid mobile apps?

Hybrid mobile apps are web applications wrapped up their own browser which can run on any of the mobile platforms (Android, iOS, Windows etc.). The big advantage of a hybrid app is that it has a single code base, whereas a native app must be re-written for each platform.

Apache <u>Cordova</u> is an open-source framework for developing hybrid apps. To use native features (beyond those already available via hmtl5,) apps can make use of plugins. These plugins handle the platform-specific code and are available for single or multiple platforms. Plugins are available to access the GPS, accelerometer or camera, for example.

SAP have written their own plugins, branded as <u>Kapsel</u>, to handle things like logon and offline OData. These bring an enterprise flavour to hybrid apps.

What is Fiori Mobile?

Until recently SAP's recommended approach was to use the Hybrid Application Toolkit (or HAT) in order to build hybrid apps. The app build took place on the developer's PC or Mac. The HAT gained a reputation for being tricky to set up and that hindered the use of hybrid apps within the SAP ecosystem.

Fiori Mobile has at its core a cloud-build service, so there is no need to install the HAT. We can trigger the build from Web IDE. We specify the (already deployed) Fiori app(s) that we want to package and after a few minutes we can download the .apk (for Android) and .ipa (for iOS) files ready to be installed on mobile devices.

Does it work?

The cloud build service works well. It typically build for both platforms in about 8 minutes without issueas. There have only been a couple of occasions when builds failed due to technical problems.

There are some facets to the technology which don't feel mature yet. One area is the offline OData features. When using Fiori Mobile things work differently to the more conventional hybrid and native apps. One example would be the destinations, because Fiori Mobile apps use a generated destination which reference the SAP Cloud Platform (CP) portal service.

My point is not that offline OData seems immature, rather that the offline features can be tricky when used with Fiori Mobile apps. We are still receiving assistance from SAP to get the offline features of our app optimised. This is a shame, because shared data and the handling of delta requests, for example, are two features which justify the 'middleware' approach to offline that SAP have taken.

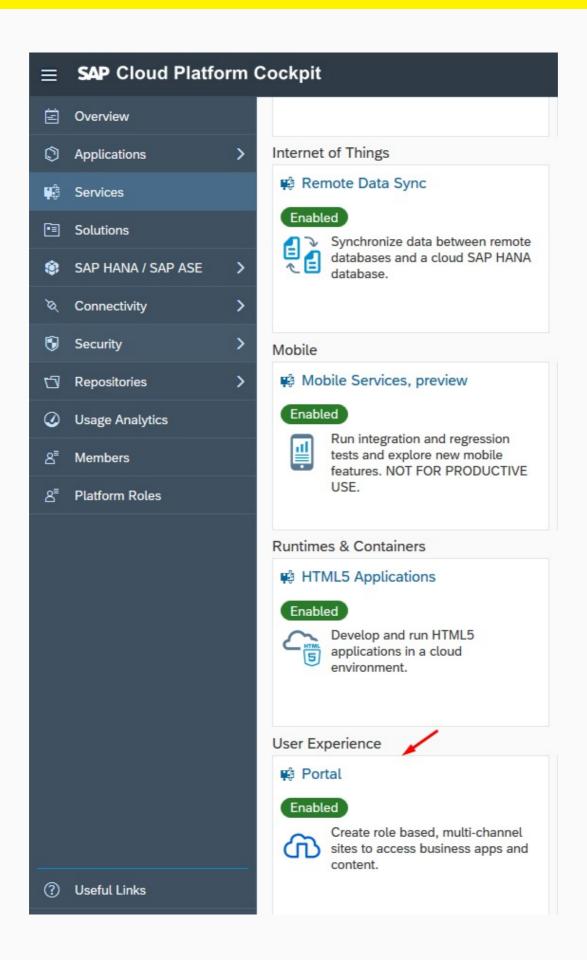
Authentication has also been a challenge. On a previous project I used the <u>Fiori Client</u> in conjunction with SAP Cloud Identity (now officially <u>SAP Cloud Platform Identity</u> <u>Authentication</u>). The Fiori Client stored the username and password on the device so that the user didn't need to enter them every time their session timed out. We haven't achieved that yet with our Fiori Mobile app.

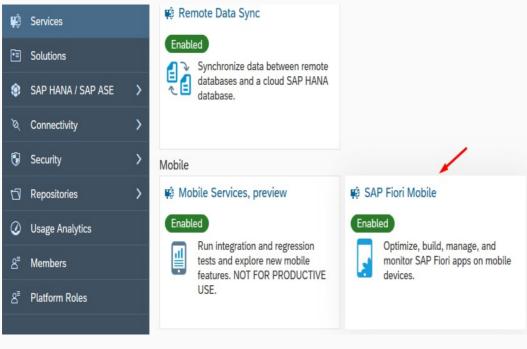
Account and Services

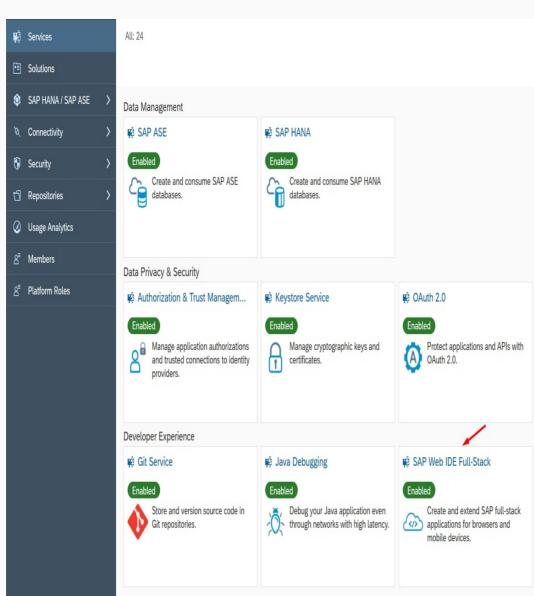
If you have production account browse on $\underline{\mathsf{HCP}}$ Cockpit and log in. If you use trial account log in $\underline{\mathsf{here}}$

As we said before there is two ways to build SAP Fiori mobile application:

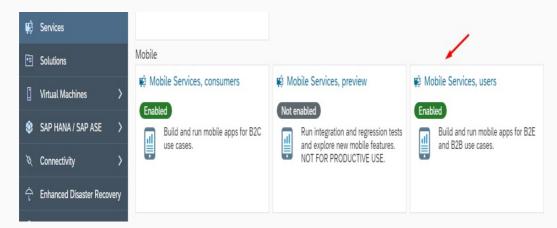
1. Using Fiori Mobile Service. Note that this service have been discontinued from March 31, 2018. Strategic features available in the mobile service for SAP Fiori have been incorporated into SAP Cloud Platform mobile service for development and operations. However you can use this service if you have old account that already has enabled that service. Using this service require two other services to be enabled: Portal Service and SAP Web IDE Full-Stack Service.







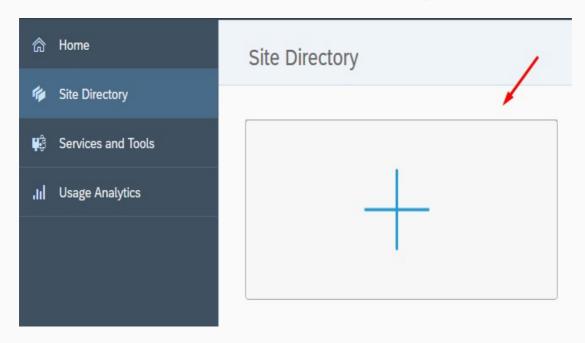
2. Using **HAT** (Hybrid Application Toolkit) extension in **SAP Web IDE Full-Stack Service.** Using this extension require **Mobile Services** to be enabled.



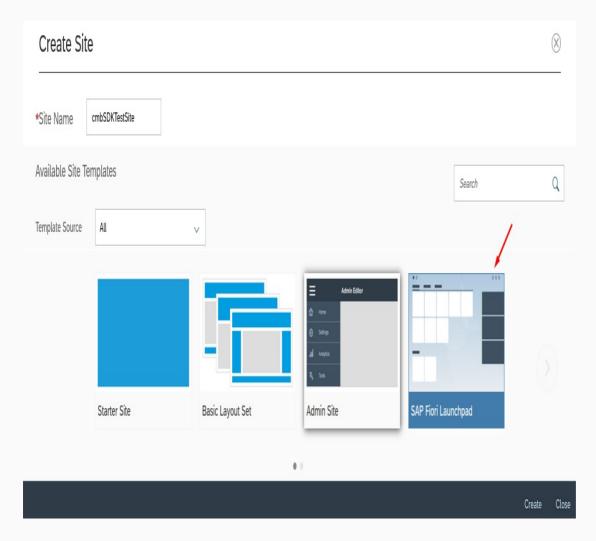
Create Fiori Launchpad

If we use SAP Fori Mobile Service to build mobile application first we need to create and publish site where application will be deployed. Otherwise if we use HAT skip this step and continue with <u>Create Fiori Project</u>

Go to **Portal Service** and create new Site Directory

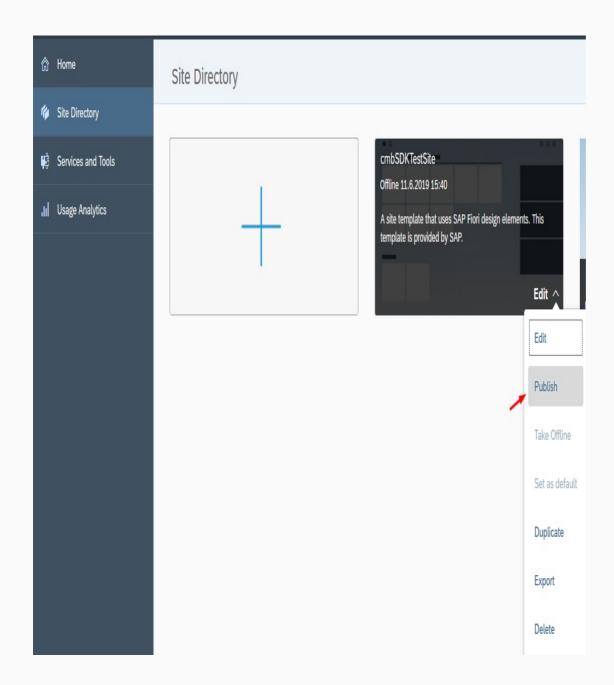


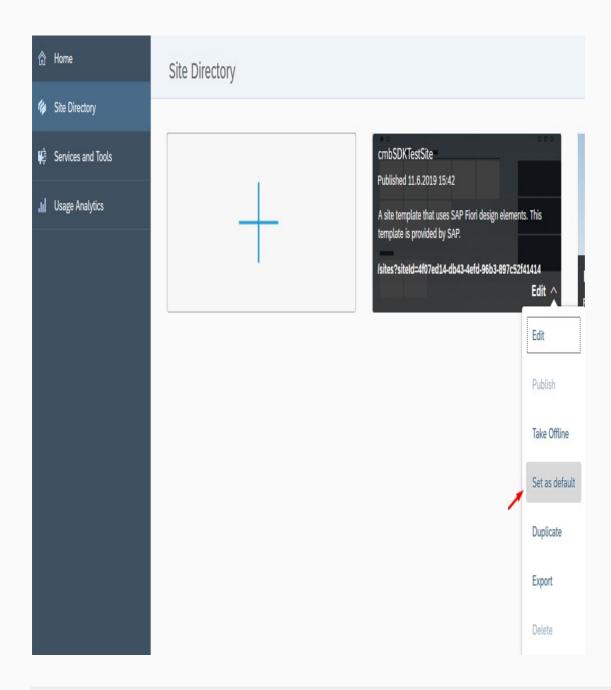
A popup will be displayed. Enter your **Site Name**, choose **SAP Fiori Launchpad** as Template Source and click Create



Following this you will be redirected to SAP Fiori Configuration Cockpit. Close the tab and go back to Admin Space for Portal Service.

Now we need to Publish this Site and Set as default.

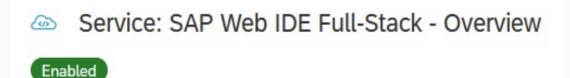




Create Fiori Project

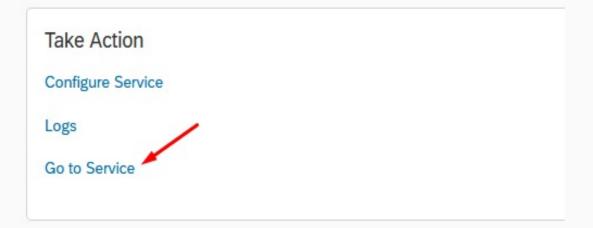
Once we create and publish cmbSDKTestSite we can create our Fiori project (if we use Fiori Mobile Service to build mobile application, otherwise if we use HAT we don't need to publish site on Launchpad and creating Fiori project will be our first step).

Go to Services tab again, open SAP Web IDE Full-Stack service, and click on Go to Service



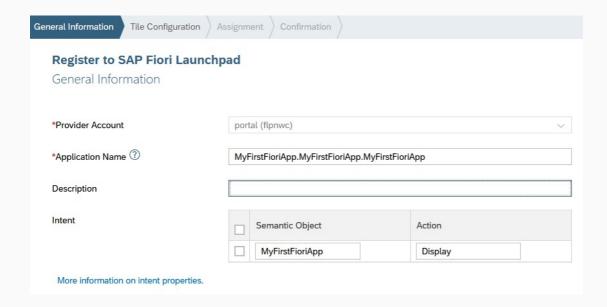
Service Description

With SAP Cloud Platform Web IDE Full-Stack, you can easily develop, test, bu grade apps for business users. Create applications rapidly and deliver an outsi or build SAP Fiori apps, create new SaaS solutions, extend SAP S/4HANA clou and build IoT apps for SAP Leonardo, using the UI development toolkit for HTI the SAP HANA toolset, and Java programming language and technologies. Int Platform, such as SAP Fiori Cloud apps, Git integration, mobile services, IoT si

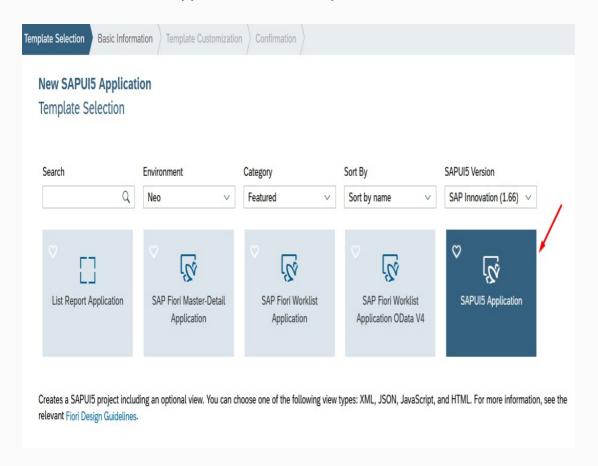


A new tab will be opened. From here we will start to create our Fiori project.

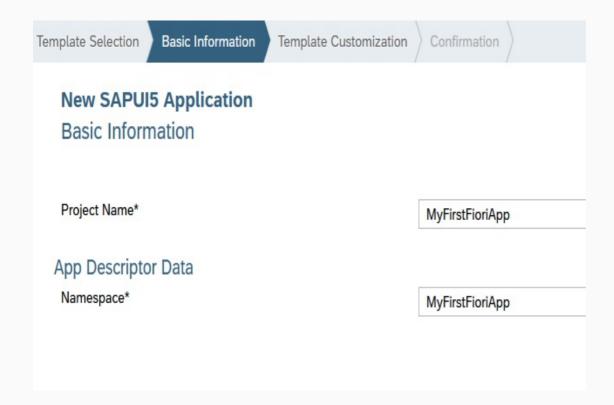
• Click on New Project from Template



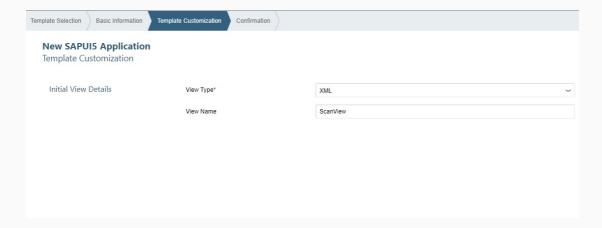
• Choose SAPUI5 Application from Template Selection



• Set your Project Name and Namespace

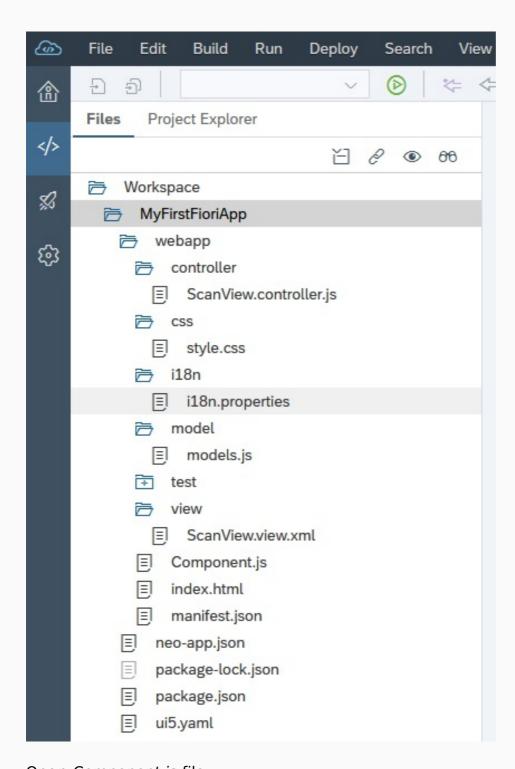


• Choose the View Type and set the View Name. In our sample we will use XML View. Click Finish and your Fiori project is created.



How to use cmbSDK cordova plugin

In the SAP Web IDE Workspace we can see all files that our Fiori project inludes.



Open Component.js file.

Component.js is the first point of our application, we can say that it serves as index which encapsulates all our applications details, i.e. view names, routing details, main view, applications type(Full Screen or SplitApp), application service configuration etc..

Here in **init** function we will configure our plugin. Set properties that we need, set callback functions, call some methods, etc..

```
sap.ui.define([
    "sap/ui/core/UIComponent",
    "sap/ui/Device",
```

```
"MyFirstFioriApp/MyFirstFioriApp/model/models"
], function (UIComponent, Device, models) {
        "use strict";
        var oEventBus = sap.ui.getCore().getEventBus();
        var scannerIsInitialized = false;
        return UIComponent.extend("MyFirstFioriApp.MyFirstFioriApp.Component", {
                metadata: {
                      manifest: "json"
                },
                 ^{\star} The component is initialized by UI5 automatically during the startup of the app a
nd calls the init method once.
                 * @public
                 * @override
                init: function () {
                        // call the base component's init function
                        UIComponent.prototype.init.apply(this, arguments);
                        // enable routing
                        this.getRouter().initialize();
                        // set the device model
                        this.setModel(models.createDeviceModel(), "device");
                        if (!scannerIsInitialized) {
                                scannerIsInitialized = true;
                                window.readerConnected = 0;
                                window.scannerActive = false;
                                cmbScanner.addOnResume(function (result) {
                                        cmbScanner.setAvailabilityCallback((readerAvailability) => {
                                                if (readerAvailability === cmbScanner.CONSTANTS.AVAI
LABILITY_AVAILABLE) {
                                                         oEventBus.publish("ScanView", "SetConnection
Status", {
                                                                 statusText: "AVAILABLE"
                                                         });
                                                         cmbScanner.connect((result) => {});
                                                 } else {
                                                        oEventBus.publish("ScanView", "SetConnection
Status", {
                                                                statusText: "NOT AVAILABLE"
                                                         });
                                                 }
                                        });
                                         if (Device.os.android) {
                                                cmbScanner.connect((result) => {});
                                });
                                cmbScanner.addOnPause(function (result) {
                                        if (Device.os.android) {
                                                cmbScanner.disconnect();
                                        cmbScanner.setAvailabilityCallback();
```

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});
                               cmbScanner.setPreviewContainerPositionAndSize(0, 0, 100, 50);
                               ate) => {
                                      if (connectionState === cmbScanner.CONSTANTS.CONNECTION_STAT
E_CONNECTED) {
                                              oEventBus.publish("ScanView", "SetConnectionStatus",
 {
                                                      statusText: "CONNECTED"
                                              });
                                              if (window.readerConnected != connectionState) {
                                                      cmbScanner.setSymbologyEnabled("SYMBOL.DATAM
ATRIX", true);
                                                      cmbScanner.setSymbologyEnabled("SYMBOL.C128"
, true);
                                                      cmbScanner.sendCommand("SET TRIGGER.TYPE 2")
                                      } else if (connectionState == cmbScanner.CONSTANTS.CONNECTIO
N_STATE_DISCONNECTED) {
                                              oEventBus.publish("ScanView", "SetConnectionStatus",
                                                      statusText: "DISCONNECTED"
                                       } else if (connectionState == cmbScanner.CONSTANTS.CONNECTIO
N_STATE_CONNECTING) {
                                              oEventBus.publish("ScanView", "SetConnectionStatus",
                                                      statusText: "CONNECTING"
                                              }):
                                       } else if (connectionState == cmbScanner.CONSTANTS.CONNECTIO
N_STATE_DISCONNECTING) {
                                              oEventBus.publish("ScanView", "SetConnectionStatus",
 {
                                                      statusText: "DISCONNECTING"
                                              });
                                      window.readerConnected = connectionState;
                               });
                               cmbScanner.setAvailabilityCallback((readerAvailability) => {
                                      if (readerAvailability === cmbScanner.CONSTANTS.AVAILABILITY
_AVAILABLE) {
                                              oEventBus.publish("ScanView", "SetConnectionStatus",
                                                      statusText: "AVAILABLE"
                                              });
                                              cmbScanner.connect((result) => {});
                                      } else {
                                              oEventBus.publish("ScanView", "SetConnectionStatus",
                                                     statusText: "NOT AVAILABLE"
                                              });
                               });
                               cmbScanner.setActiveStartScanningCallback((result) => {
                                      if (result === true)
                                              window.scannerActive = true;
```

```
else
                                                window.scannerActive = false;
                                });
                                cmbScanner.setPreviewOptions(cmbScanner.CONSTANTS.PREVIEW_OPTIONS.DE
FAULTS | cmbScanner.CONSTANTS.PREVIEW OPTIONS.HARDWARE TRIGGER);
                                cmbScanner.setCameraMode(cmbScanner.CONSTANTS.CAMERA_MODES.NO_AIMER)
;
                                var sdkKEY = "";
                                if (Device.os.android)
                                        sdkKEY = this.getModel("i18n").getProperty("MX_MOBILE_LICENS
E ANDROID");
                                else
                                        sdkKEY = this.getModel("i18n").getProperty("MX_MOBILE_LICENS
E_iOS");
                                cmbScanner.registerSDK(sdkKEY);
                                cmbScanner.loadScanner(0, (result) => {
                                      cmbScanner.connect((result) => {});
                                });
                                oEventBus.subscribe("Component", "LoadScanner", this.loadScanner, th
is);
                },
                loadScanner: function (sChanel, sEvent, oData) {
                        cmbScanner.disconnect((result) => {
                               cmbScanner.loadScanner(oData.selectedDevice, (result) => {
                                       cmbScanner.connect((result) => {});
                                });
                        });
                },
                onExit: function () {
                       oEventBus.unsubscribe("Component", "LoadScanner", this.loadScanner, this);
                        cmbScanner.disconnect();
                        cmbScanner.setAvailabilityCallback();
        });
});
```

cmbScanner is an object that represents our plugin. With this object we can access all <u>API</u> methods and Constants from our plugin.

- **scannerIsInitialized** variable to make sure that we set some functions for initialization only one time
- window.readerConnected global variable that is changed every time when the reader connection state is changed
- window.scannerActive global variable that shows us if scanning is active or not
- cmbScanner.addOnPause in this method we disconnection from reader device on Android (on iOS this is handled automatically), and stop listening to availability changing
- **cmbScanner.addOnResume** in this method we try to connect with reader device again and set callback for availability changing

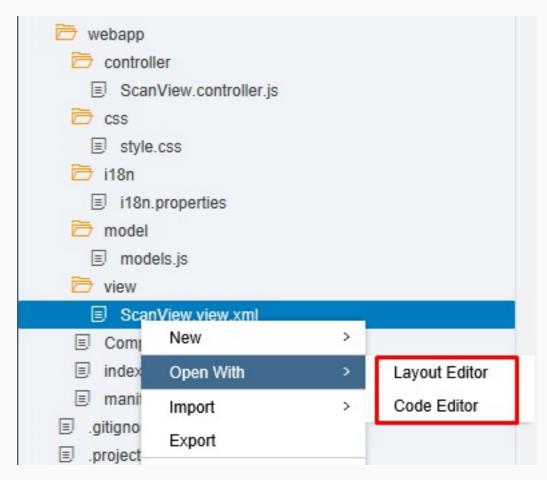
- cmbScanner.setPreviewContainerPositionAndSize to set the size and position of the preview container. Learn more <u>here</u>.
- cmbScanner.setConnectionStateDidChangeOf ReaderCallback all
 connect/disconnect events should be handled within the callback function set with
 this API method. If connection state is connected we set some reader device
 settings with <u>API methods</u> or directly with <u>sendCommand()</u> method. Here in this
 example we enable symbologies and set trigger type. Also here we should Licensing
 the SDK. We will speak about this later in this section
- **cmbScanner.set Availabilit yCallback** to monitor for availability of the MX device. If MX device is available we try to connect. Learn more <u>here</u>.
- cmbScanner.setActiveStartScanningCallback to monitor the state of the scanner. Learn more <u>here</u>.
- cmbScanner.loadScanner to get a scanner up and running. Learn more <u>here</u>.

Here we are only configuring reader device, handling connections, availability, etc.. We will do scanning and getting results in other views. If we want to notify users about every connection state changed or other info about reader device we will be using EventBus sap object. With this object we can publish function and call them from any view in the application. In this example on connection state changed with EventBus we are calling SetConnectionStatus function that is implemented in view where scanning is performed and set label text to show user current connection state.

Now open **ScanView.view.xml** and add this code:

```
<mvc:View controllerName="MyFirstFioriApp.MyFirstFioriApp.controller.ScanView" xmlns:mvc="sap.ui.cor</pre>
e.mvc" displayBlock="true" xmlns="sap.m"
       xmlns:core="sap.ui.core">
        <Shell id="shell">
                <App id="app">
                         <pages>
                                 <Page id="page" title="{i18n>title}">
                                         <subHeader>
                                                  <Toolbar id="__toolbar2" width="100%">
                                                          <content>
                                                                  <FlexBox id="__box0" width="100%" al</pre>
ignContent="Center" alignItems="Start" direction="Column" fitContainer="true" justifyContent="Center
">
                                                                           <items>
                                                                                   <Select id="selectAc</pre>
tiveDevice" items="{/Devices}" textAlign="Center" selectedKey="0" change="activeDeviceChanged">
                                                                                           <core:Item t</pre>
ext="{text}" key="{key}"/>
                                                                                   </Select>
                                                                           </items>
                                                                   </FlexBox>
                                                                   <Label id="lblStatus" text="DISCONNE</pre>
CTED" width="100%" textAlign="End" design="Bold"/>
                                                          </content>
                                                  </Toolbar>
                                          </subHeader>
                                          <content>
                                                  <FlexBox id="flexBoxContainer" width="100%" alignCon</pre>
tent="Start" alignItems="Start" direction="Column" fitContainer="true"/>
                                          </content>
```

You can design view with CodeEditor or with LayoutEditor.



After that open ScanView.controller.js and add this code

```
key: "0",
                        text: "MX Device"
                }, {
                        key: "1",
                        text: "Mobile Camera"
                } ]
        });
        return Controller.extend("MyFirstFioriApp.MyFirstFioriApp.controller.ScanView", {
                onInit: function () {
                        this.getView().setModel(oModel);
                },
                onAfterRendering: function () {
                        window.scannerActive = false;
                        switch (window.readerConnected) {
                        case cmbScanner.CONSTANTS.CONNECTION STATE CONNECTED:
                                this.getView().byId("lblStatus").setText("CONNECTED");
                        case cmbScanner.CONSTANTS.CONNECTION STATE DISCONNECTED:
                                this.getView().byId("lblStatus").setText("DISCONNECTED");
                        case cmbScanner.CONSTANTS.CONNECTION_STATE_CONNECTING:
                                this.getView().byId("lblStatus").setText("CONNECTING");
                                break:
                        case cmbScanner.CONSTANTS.CONNECTION_STATE_DISCONNECTING:
                                this.getView().byId("lblStatus").setText("DISCONNECTING");
                        default:
                                this.getView().byId("lblStatus").setText("UNKNOWN");
                        oEventBus.subscribe("ScanView", "SetConnectionStatus", this.setConnectionSta
tus, this);
                        cmbScanner.setResultCallback((result) => {
                                if(result && result.readResults && result.readResults.length > 0){
                 result.readResults.forEach((item, index) => {
                     if (item.goodRead == true) {
                                                //Perform some action on barcode read
                                                //example:
                       var verticalLayoutContainer = new sap.ui.layout.VerticalLayout(null, {
                                                        width: "100%"
                                                }).addStyleClass("sapUiSmallMarginTop");
                                                verticalLayoutContainer.addContent(new sap.m.Label({
                                                        text: item.symbologyString + ":",
                                                        textAlign: "Begin",
                                                        design: "Bold"
                                                }).addStyleClass("sapUiSmallMarginBegin"));
                                                verticalLayoutContainer.addContent(new sap.m.Text({
                                                        text: item.readString,
                                                        textAlign: "Begin"
                                                }).addStyleClass("sapUiSmallMarginBegin"));
                                                this.getView().byId("flexBoxContainer").addItem(vert
icalLayoutContainer);
                     else{
```

```
//Perform some action when no barcode is read or jus
t leave it empty
                });
                       });
                },
               btnScanPress: function () {
                       if (window.readerConnected === cmbScanner.CONSTANTS.CONNECTION_STATE_CONNECT
ED) {
                                if (window.scannerActive === true) {
                                       cmbScanner.stopScanning();
                                } else {
                                      cmbScanner.startScanning();
                },
                setConnectionStatus: function (sChanel, sEvent, oData) {
                       this.getView().byId("lblStatus").setText(oData.statusText);
                },
               activeDeviceChanged: function () {
                       cmbScanner.disconnect((result) => {
                               oEventBus.publish("Component", "LoadScanner", {
                                       selectedDevice: parseInt(this.getView().byId("selectActiveDe
vice").getSelectedKey())
                               });
                       });
                },
               onExit: function () {
                       oEventBus.unsubscribe("ScanView", "SetConnectionStatus", this.setConnectionS
tatus, this);
                       if (window.readerConnected === cmbScanner.CONSTANTS.CONNECTION_STATE_CONNECT
ED) {
                                if (window.scannerActive === true) {
                                      cmbScanner.stopScanning();
                        cmbScanner.setResultCallback((result) => {
                             return false;
                       });
       });
});
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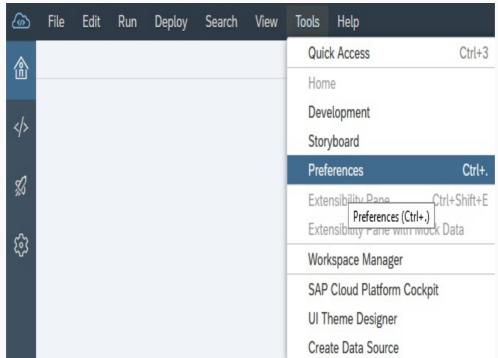
In this view we have a Scan button to startScanning()/stopScanning() and startScanning()/stopScanning() and startScanning() and <a href="startScanning()/stopScanning() and startScanning() and <a href="startScanning()/stopScanning() and startScanning() and <a href="startScanning()/stopScanning()/stopScanning()/stopScanning()/stopScanning()/stopScanning()/stopScanning() and <a href="startScanning()/stop

Build Fiori Mobile Application

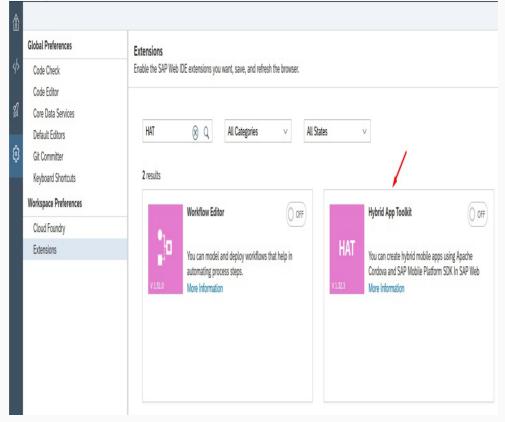
In this section we will explain how to build Fiori Mobile Application (generate .ipa and .apk

files).

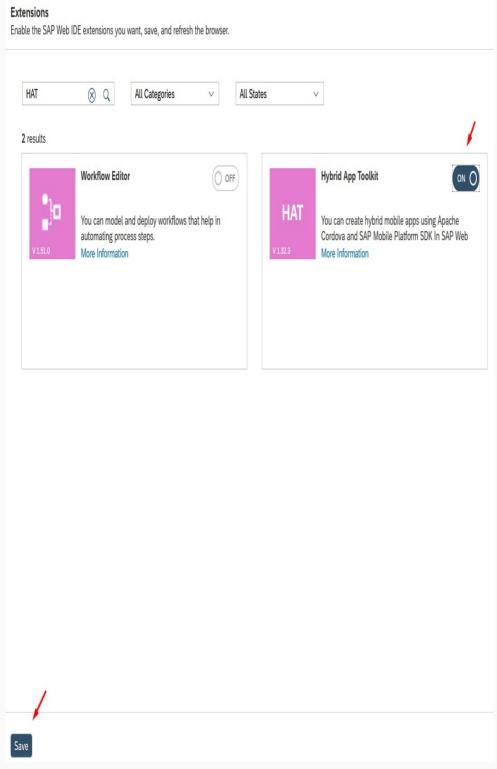
- 1. Using **HAT** (Hybrid Application Toolkit)
- First we need to enable HAT extension in SAP Web IDE Workspase. Open Tools->Preferences:



• Navigate to Extensions section and search for HAT extension:



By default HAT extension is disabled. Enable HAT extension and click Save. After enabling we will need to refresh SAP Web IDE.

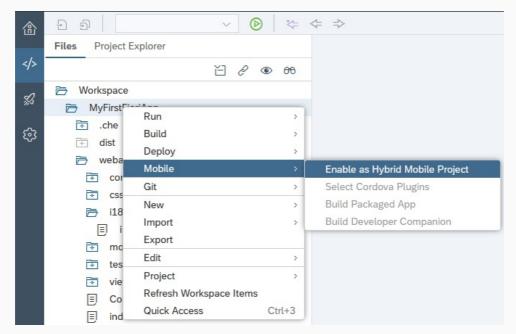


• After enabling HAT go again in Tools->Preferences. If you have both Fiori Mobile and Mobile Services enabled you will have options to select one that will be used as Cloud Build Service. Please choose **Mobile Services** and click Save:

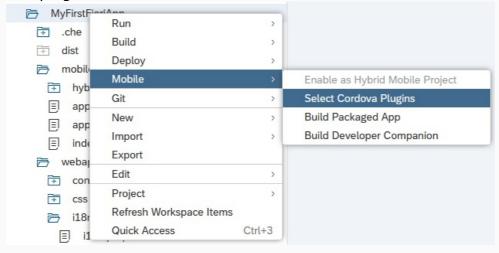


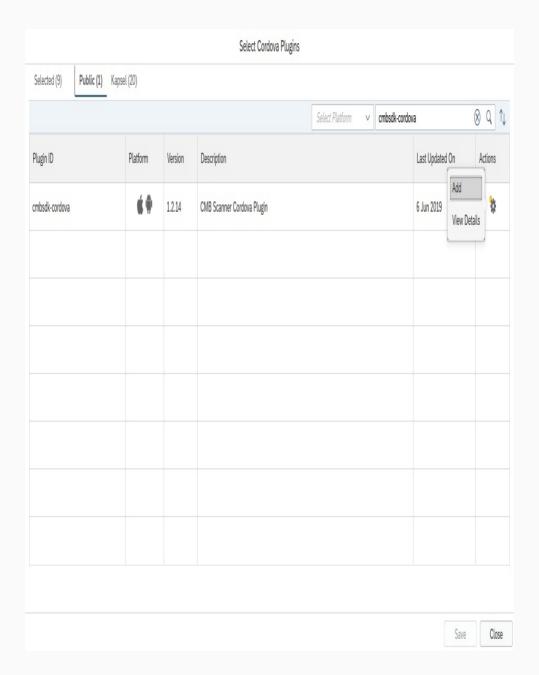
If you don't see these radio buttons you don't need to do anything. **Mobile Service** will be enabled by default.

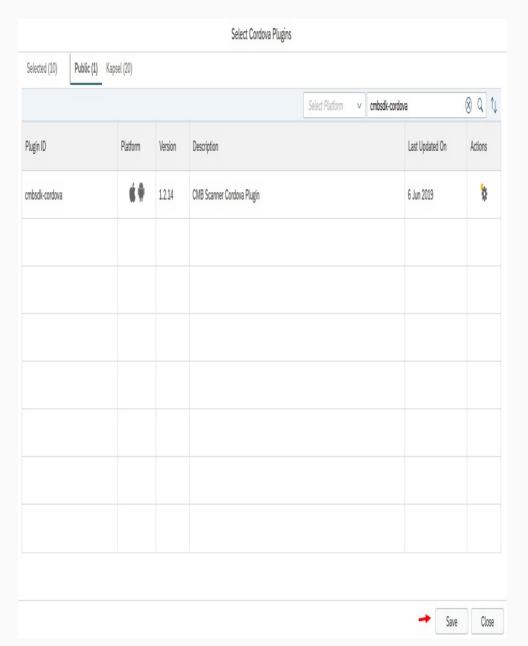
 Now right click on project root and you will see Mobile section. Click Enable as Hybrid Mobile Project



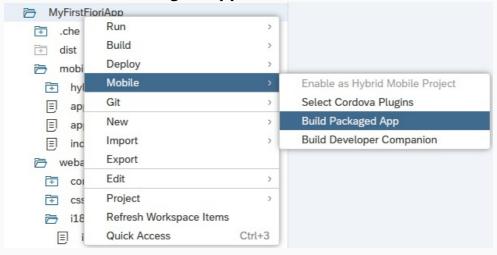
 You can see that some new files are added in our project that allow us to build this project as mobile application. Before build we need to add our cmbsdkcordova plugin. Click on Select Cordova Plugins, find cmbsdk-cordova plugin from public plugins and add in this project. Don't forget to click Save when you add plugin.



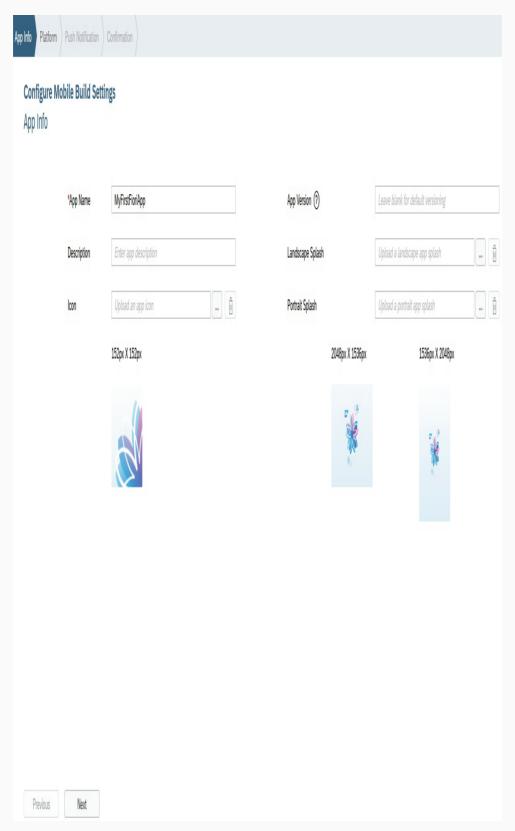




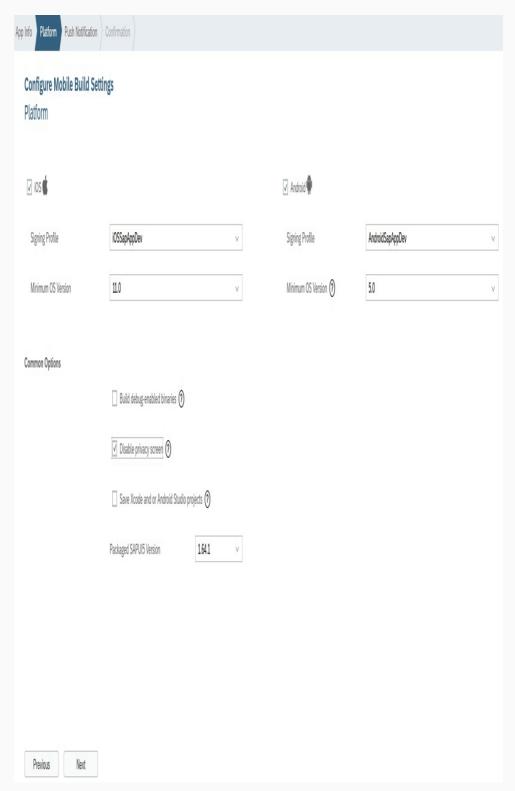
We are ready to build our mobile application and generate .ipa and .apk files.
 Click on Build Packaged App from Mobile menu.



Set your application details



 Choose platform or both iOS and Android platforms, select signing profiles (or create one if you don't have) and set some common options



• Start building process



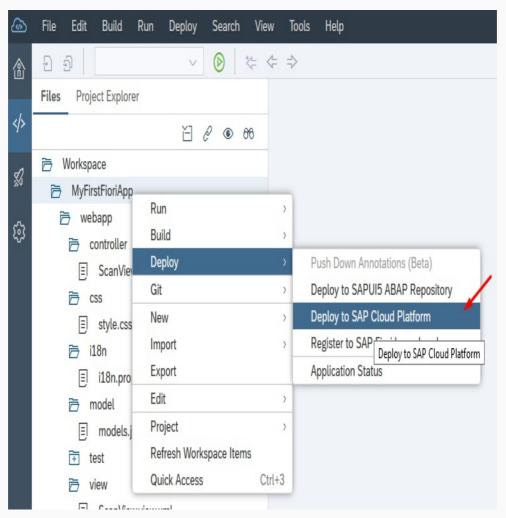
 When building process is finished popup from where you can download .ipa and .apk files will be shown



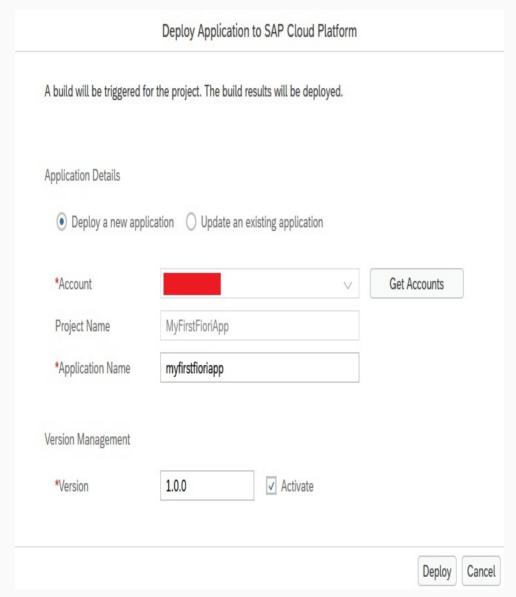
2. Using Fiori Mobile Service

Before we start to build our Fiori Mobile Application with Fiori Mobile Service we need to deploy our project on <u>SAP HANA Cloud Platform</u>.

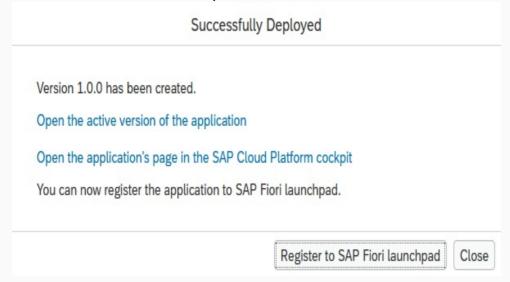
 Right click on project folder then select Deploy and choose Deploy to SAP Cloud Platform



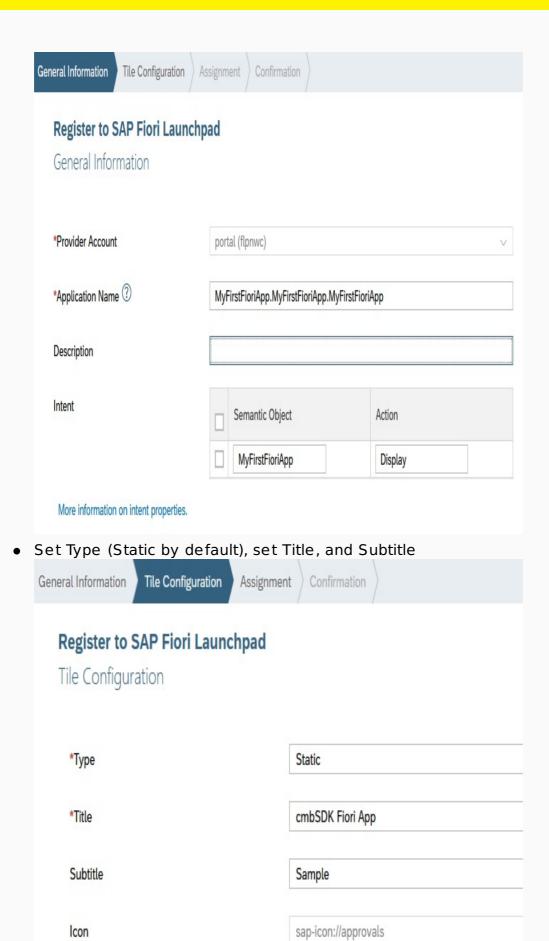
• Set application details and click Deploy



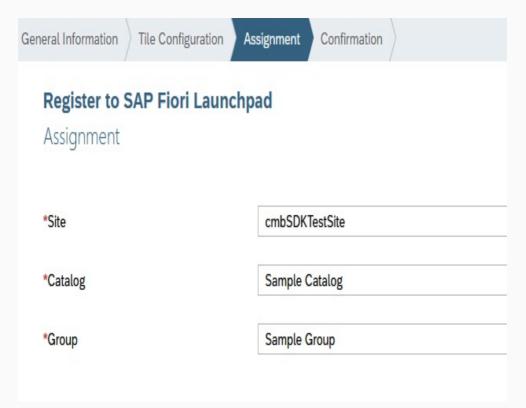
• After a successful deploy, the next step is to Register to SAP Fiori launchpad that we've created in the previous section.



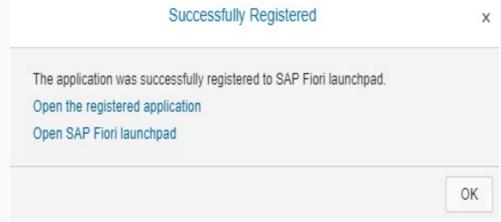
Choose account and set application name



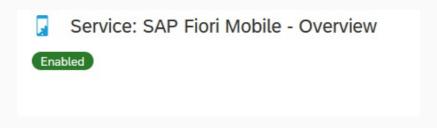
 Choose Site that we create before, catalog, and group (sample catalog and group is created by default)



• Click finish on Confirmation tab and if everything is fine the popup below will be shown. Click OK to close this popup. With these steps we deploy our project on HCP and now we can continue to build our Fiori Mobile Application



• Go to Services tab again, open Fiori Mobile service, and click on Go to Admin Console

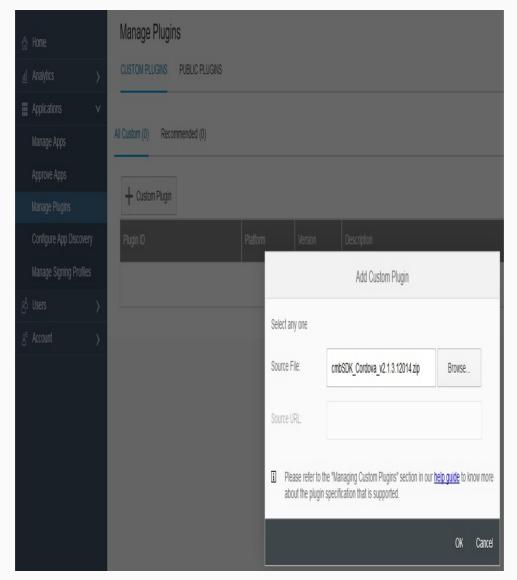


Service Description

The mobile service for SAP Fiori is an end-to-end solution designed to a mobile users. Use the build/packaging service to transform web content manage the app lifecycle, runtime services to support enterprise app services to provide insights into adoption, usage, and app performance



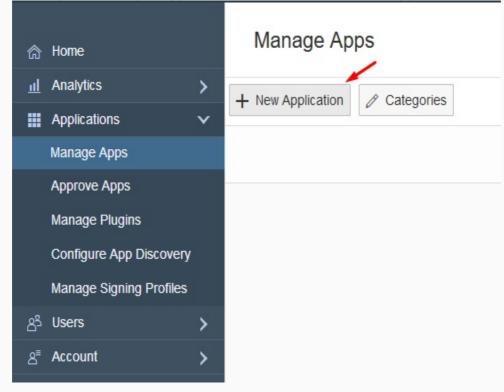
• Open Manage Plugins section and upload **cmbsdk-cordova** plugin as custom plugin. You can download latest plugin on this <u>link</u>.



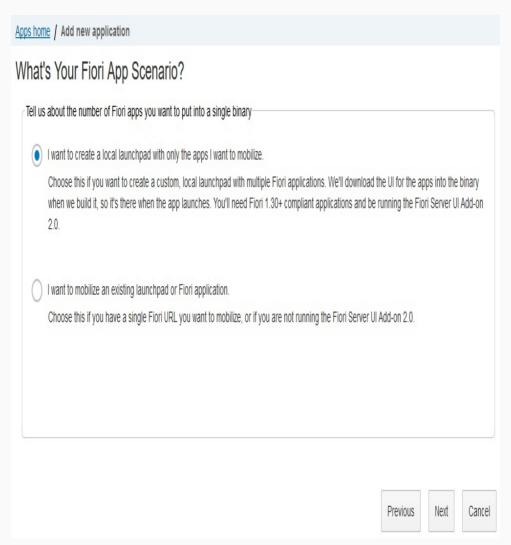
• Next manage your singing profiles. Open Manage Signing Profiles section and create new ones if you don't have already



• Now open Manage Apps section and create New Application



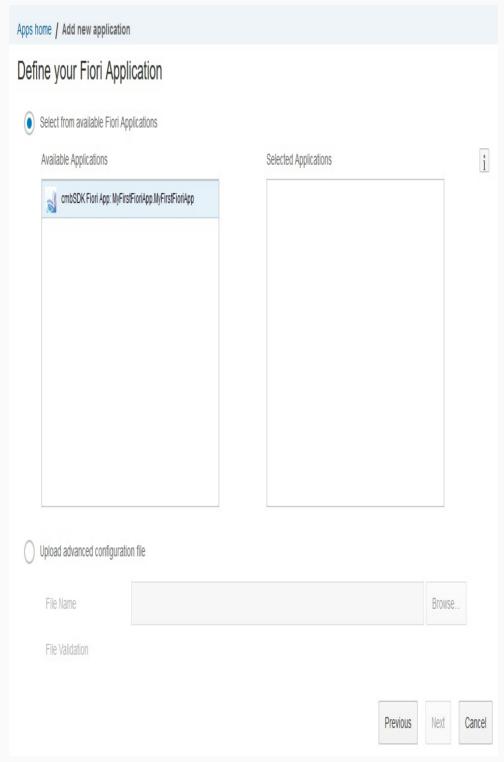
Select first option



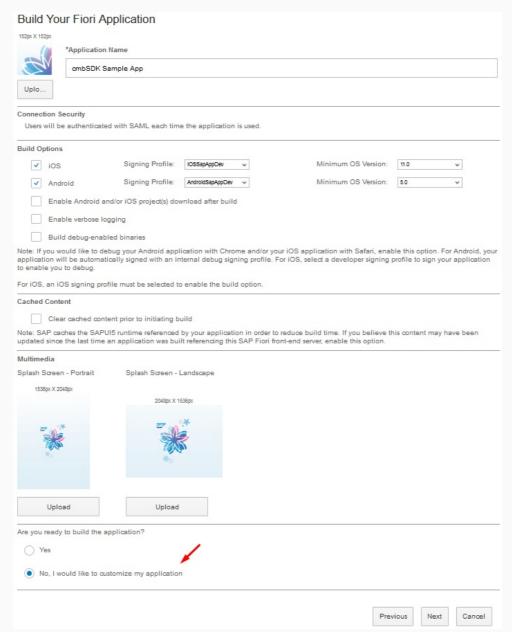
• Select your Fiori Cloud Edition as Fiori Server



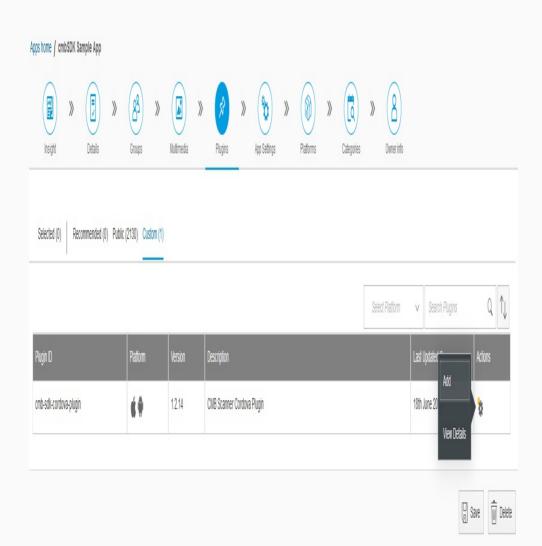
• Select application that we created before (with double click or drag&drop)

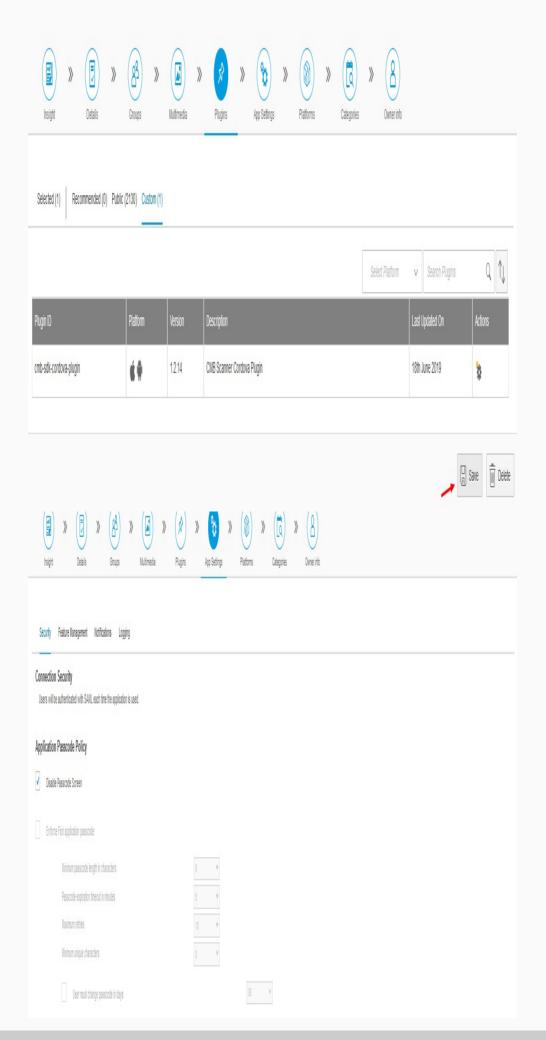


• Set you application name and signing profiles. At the bottom of page you have question "Are you ready to build the application?". Select "No, I would like to customize my application".



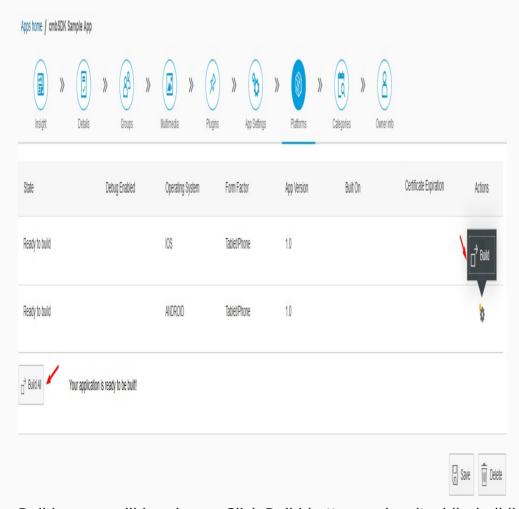
• Window where we can continue with app customization will be opened. From here we will add plugin that we uploaded before and disable passcode screen. You can set some others parameters per your needs. Also important thing here is to save every change that will be made.





Allow default passcole
Passcole must contain at least one of the following character types:
Numeric (L4)
Unversaes alpha (s.z.)
Upperclase alpha (4-Z)
Special (such as # (f., *)
Application Security
Privacy Screen: OS and Android devices have app switchers that display screenshols of your apps. This is a possible privacy risk for apps that display sensitive information. To enhance the security of no-device data, SAP Find Cleret by default enables the Privacy Screen feature, which hides application content in the app switcher. On Android devices, the Privacy Screen, plugin about prevents useers from bilding screenshols and sharing the screen. This feature is enabled by default.
Sore in Device

 We are ready to build our mobile application and generate .ipa and .apk files. Navigate to Platforms and click **Build All** button if you want to build both iOS and Android platform together, or you can build one by one from Actions grid column.

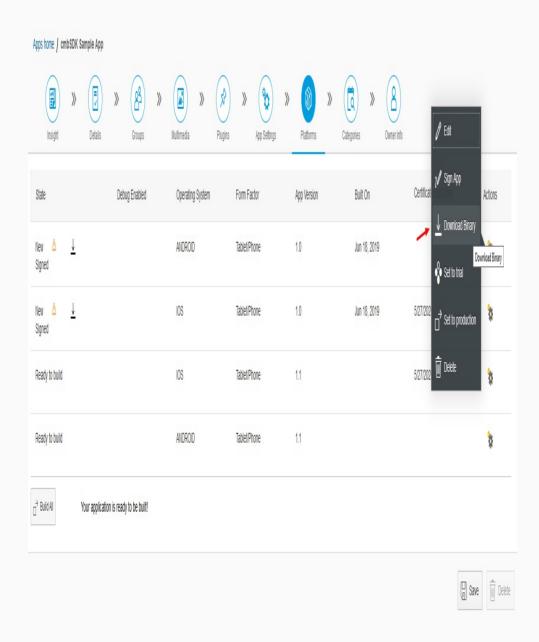


Build popup will be shown. Click Build button and wait while building process finish.

Build Summary						
Application Information						
Application Name:	cmbSDK Sample App					
Build Options						
✓ ios	Signing Profile:	iOSSapAppDev ∨	Minimum OS Version:	11.0	٧	
✓ Android	Signing Profile:	AndroidSapAppDev 🔻	Minimum OS Version:	5.0	٧	
Enable Android and/or iOS project(s) download after build						
Enable verbose logg	ing					
Build debug-enabled	l binaries					
		ation with Chrome and/or your iOS nal debug signing profile. For iOS				
For iOS, an iOS signing profile	must be selected to	enable the build option.				
Cached Content						
Clear cached conter	nt prior to initiating bu	ild				
		y your application in order to reduing this SAP Fiori front-end server		ontent may have	been updated	
Email Notification						
Send me an email no	otification when my a	pplications are built				

• When building process is finished you can download binary (.ipa or .apk) file and install application on your mobile device

Build Cancel

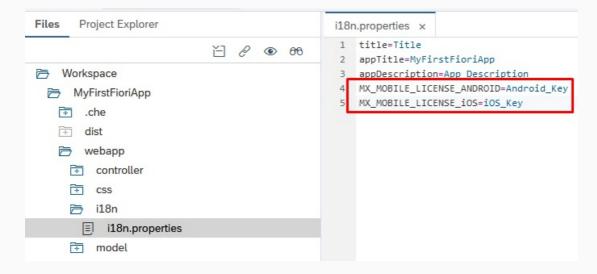


Licensing the SDK

If you plan to use the **cmbSDK** to do mobile scanning with a smartphone or a tablet (without the MX mobile terminal), the SDK requires the installation of a license key. Without a license key, the SDK will still operate, although scanned results will be blurred (the SDK will randomly replace characters in the scan result with an asterisk character).

Contact your Cognex Sales Representative for information on how to obtain a license key including trial licenses which can be used for 30 days to evaluate the SDK.

After obtaining your license key open i18n.properties file in your project on SAP WEB IDE service, and set your obtained keys.



Then go back to the Component.js file and check this code:

```
var sdkKEY = "";
if (Device.os.android)
    sdkKEY = this.getModel("i18n").getProperty("MX_MOBILE_LICENSE_ANDROID");
else
    sdkKEY = this.getModel("i18n").getProperty("MX_MOBILE_LICENSE_iOS");
cmbScanner.registerSDK(sdkKEY);
...
```

You can see that you read this key from i18n.properties and call **cmbScanner.registerSDK** method to register SDK with your license key.