## Ex 7: Android Application to write/read a file to/from the SD Card

#### Aim:

Develop an Android Application to write/read some contents to/from the SD Card.

- 1. In a TextView write the contents of the file.
- Use another TextView to read the file name from the user.
- 3. On clicking 'Write' Button,

Create a file mentioned in 2nd TextView.

Write the contents (using 1st TextView) in the file.

Store the file in the SD card.

4. On clicking 'Read' Button,

Move to a new activity.

Read the file name(TextView)

Read the contents of the file from SD card and display in a new TextView.

**Layouts Used:** Main Activity and Read Intents. Edit and Text Views.

### Code:

#### MainActivity.java:

package com.example.ex7;

import android.Manifest;

import android.content.Intent;

import android.content.pm.PackageManager;

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import android.os.Bundle;
import android.os.Environment;
import android.util.Log;
import android.view.View;
import android.widget.Button;
import android.widget.EditText;
import android.widget.Toast;
import androidx.annotation.NonNull;
import androidx.appcompat.app.AppCompatActivity;
import androidx.core.app.ActivityCompat;
import androidx.core.content.ContextCompat;
import java.io.File;
import java.io.FileOutputStream;
import java.io.IOException;
public class MainActivity extends AppCompatActivity {
  private static final int REQUEST_WRITE_EXTERNAL_STORAGE = 1;
  @Override
  protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
    super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
    setContentView(R.layout.activity_main);
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// Request the WRITE EXTERNAL STORAGE permission if not granted

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if (ContextCompat.checkSelfPermission(this,
Manifest.permission.WRITE EXTERNAL STORAGE) !=
                PackageManager.PERMISSION_GRANTED) {
             ActivityCompat.requestPermissions(this, new
String[]{Manifest.permission.WRITE EXTERNAL STORAGE},
REQUEST_WRITE_EXTERNAL_STORAGE);
          } else {
              // Permission already granted, perform file operations
             Button button = findViewById(R.id.write);
             button.setOnClickListener(new View.OnClickListener() {
                @Override
                public void onClick(View v) {
                  EditText et1 = findViewById(R.id.et1);
                  String file = et1.getText().toString();
                  EditText et2 = findViewById(R.id.et2);
                  String content = et2.getText().toString();
                  createAndWriteFileToSDCard(file,content);
             });
           }
           Button read = findViewById(R.id.read1);
           read.setOnClickListener(new View.OnClickListener() {
             @Override
             public void onClick(View v) {
               Intent intent = new Intent(MainActivity.this,Read.class);
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startActivity(intent);
             }
           });
        }
        // Handle permission request results
         @Override
         public void onRequestPermissionsResult(int requestCode,
@NonNull String[] permissions, @NonNull int[] grantResults) {
           super.onRequestPermissionsResult(requestCode, permissions,
grantResults);
           if (requestCode == REQUEST WRITE EXTERNAL STORAGE) {
              if (grantResults.length > 0 && grantResults[0] ==
PackageManager.PERMISSION GRANTED) {
                Toast.makeText(this, "Permission granted. Can write to SD card.",
Toast.LENGTH_SHORT).show();
                Button button = findViewById(R.id.write);
                button.setOnClickListener(new View.OnClickListener() {
                   @Override
                   public void onClick(View v) {
                     EditText et1 = findViewByld(R.id.et1);
                     String file = et1.getText().toString();
                     EditText et2 = findViewById(R.id.et2);
                     String content = et2.getText().toString();
                     createAndWriteFileToSDCard(file,content);
                  }
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**})**;

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} else {
                Toast.makeText(this, "Permission denied. Cannot write to SD card.",
Toast.LENGTH SHORT).show();
              }
           }
         }
         private void createAndWriteFileToSDCard(String fileName,String fileContent) {
           // Check if external storage is available
            if (isExternalStorageWritable()) {
              File sdCard = Environment.getExternalStorageDirectory();
              File directory = new File(sdCard.getAbsolutePath() + "/ex7"); // Change to
your desired directory
              directory.mkdirs();
              File file = new File(directory, fileName+".txt"); // Change the file name as
needed
              try {
                 FileOutputStream fos = new FileOutputStream(file);
                fos.write(fileContent.getBytes());
                fos.close();
                 Toast.makeText(this, "File created and written to SD card",
Toast.LENGTH SHORT).show();
              } catch (IOException e) {
                Log.e("FileWriteError", "Error writing to file on SD card: " +
e.getMessage());
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}
           } else {
              Toast.makeText(this, "SD card is not available for writing.",
Toast.LENGTH_SHORT).show();
           }
         }
         private boolean isExternalStorageWritable() {
           String state = Environment.getExternalStorageState();
           return Environment.MEDIA_MOUNTED.equals(state);
        }
       Read.java:
       package com.example.ex7;
       import android. Manifest;
       import android.content.pm.PackageManager;
       import android.os.Bundle;
       import android.os.Environment;
       import android.util.Log;
       import android.view.View;
       import android.widget.Button;
       import android.widget.EditText;
       import android.widget.TextView;
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import android.widget.Toast;

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import androidx.annotation.NonNull;
import androidx.appcompat.app.AppCompatActivity;
import androidx.core.app.ActivityCompat; import
androidx.core.content.ContextCompat;
import java.io.BufferedReader;
import java.io.File;
import java.io.FileReader;
import java.io.IOException;
public class Read extends AppCompatActivity {
  private static final int REQUEST_READ_EXTERNAL_STORAGE = 2;
  private TextView fileContentsTextView;
  @Override
  protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
    super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
    setContentView(R.layout.read);
    fileContentsTextView = findViewById(R.id.content);
    // Request the READ_EXTERNAL_STORAGE permission if not granted
    if (ContextCompat.checkSelfPermission(this,
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Manifest.permission.READ EXTERNAL STORAGE)

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!= PackageManager.PERMISSION_GRANTED) {
             ActivityCompat.requestPermissions(this, new
String[]{Manifest.permission.READ_EXTERNAL_STORAGE},
REQUEST READ EXTERNAL STORAGE);
          } else {
            // Permission already granted, perform file reading
            Button readButton = findViewById(R.id.read2);
             readButton.setOnClickListener(new View.OnClickListener() {
               @Override
               public void onClick(View v) {
                  EditText fileNameEditText = findViewById(R.id.name);
                  String fileName = fileNameEditText.getText().toString();
                 readFileFromSDCard(fileName);
               }
            });
          }
        }
        // Handle permission request results
        @Override
        public void onRequestPermissionsResult(int requestCode,
@NonNull String[] permissions, @NonNull int[] grantResults) {
          super.onReguestPermissionsResult(reguestCode, permissions,
grantResults);
           if (requestCode == REQUEST_READ_EXTERNAL_STORAGE) {
             if (grantResults.length > 0 && grantResults[0] ==
PackageManager.PERMISSION GRANTED) {
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Toast.makeText(this, "Permission granted. Can read from SD card.",
Toast.LENGTH_SHORT).show();
                 Button readButton = findViewByld(R.id.read2);
                readButton.setOnClickListener(new View.OnClickListener() {
                   @Override
                   public void onClick(View v) {
                      EditText fileNameEditText = findViewById(R.id.name);
                      String fileName = fileNameEditText.getText().toString();
                      readFileFromSDCard(fileName);
                  }
                });
              } else {
                Toast.makeText(this, "Permission denied. Cannot read from SD card.",
Toast.LENGTH SHORT).show();
              }
           }
         }
         private void readFileFromSDCard(String fileName) {
            if (isExternalStorageReadable()) {
              File sdCard = Environment.getExternalStorageDirectory();
              File directory = new File(sdCard.getAbsolutePath() + "/ex7"); // Change to
your directory
              File file = new File(directory, fileName + ".txt");
              if (file.exists()) {
                try {
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BufferedReader br = new BufferedReader(new FileReader(file));
                    StringBuilder text = new StringBuilder();
                    String line;
                    while ((line = br.readLine()) != null) {
                      text.append(line);
                      text.append('\n');
                   }
                    br.close();
                    fileContentsTextView.setText(text.toString());
                 } catch (IOException e) {
                    Log.e("FileReadError", "Error reading file on SD card: " +
e.getMessage());
                    fileContentsTextView.setText("Error reading file.");
                }
              } else {
                 fileContentsTextView.setText("File not found.");
              }
           } else {
              fileContentsTextView.setText("SD card is not available for reading.");
         }
         private boolean isExternalStorageReadable() {
            String state = Environment.getExternalStorageState();
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return Environment.MEDIA_MOUNTED.equals(state)
|| Environment.MEDIA_MOUNTED_READ_ONLY.equals(state);
        }
      }
      <u>Activity_main.xml:</u>
      <?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
    <androidx.constraintlayout.widget.ConstraintLayout</pre>
xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
        xmlns:app="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res-auto"
        xmlns:tools="http://schemas.android.com/tools"
         android:layout_width="match_parent"
         android:layout height="match parent"
        tools:context=".MainActivity">
         <TextView
           android:id="@+id/tv2"
           android:layout width="wrap content"
           android:layout_height="wrap_content"
           android:text="Enter text"
           android:textSize="24sp"
           app:layout_constraintBottom_toBottomOf="parent"
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app:layout\_constraintEnd\_toEndOf="parent"

app:layout\_constraintHorizontal\_bias="0.498"

app:layout\_constraintStart\_toStartOf="parent"

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app:layout_constraintTop_toTopOf="parent"
  app:layout_constraintVertical_bias="0.387" />
<EditText
  android:id="@+id/et1"
  android:layout_width="wrap_content"
  android:layout_height="wrap_content"
  android:layout marginTop="184dp"
  android:ems="10"
  android:inputType="textPersonName"
  android:text=""
  app:layout_constraintEnd_toEndOf="parent"
  app:layout_constraintHorizontal_bias="0.497"
  app:layout_constraintStart_toStartOf="parent"
  app:layout_constraintTop_toTopOf="parent" />
<EditText
  android:id="@+id/et2"
  android:layout_width="wrap_content"
  android:layout_height="wrap_content"
  android:ems="10"
  android:inputType="textPersonName"
  android:text=""
  app:layout_constraintBottom_toBottomOf="parent"
```

app:layout\_constraintEnd\_toEndOf="parent"

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app:layout_constraintHorizontal_bias="0.497"
  app:layout_constraintStart_toStartOf="parent"
  app:layout_constraintTop_toTopOf="parent" />
<TextView
  android:id="@+id/tv1"
  android:layout_width="wrap_content"
  android:layout height="wrap content"
  android:layout marginTop="128dp"
  android:text="Enter file name"
  android:textSize="24sp"
  app:layout_constraintEnd_toEndOf="parent"
  app:layout_constraintStart_toStartOf="parent"
  app:layout_constraintTop_toTopOf="parent" />
<Button
  android:id="@+id/write"
  android:layout width="wrap content"
  android:layout height="wrap content"
  android:text="Write"
  app:layout_constraintBottom_toBottomOf="parent"
  app:layout_constraintEnd_toEndOf="parent"
  app:layout constraintHorizontal bias="0.498"
  app:layout constraintStart toStartOf="parent"
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app:layout\_constraintTop\_toTopOf="parent"

app:layout\_constraintVertical bias="0.65" />

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<Button
           android:id="@+id/read1"
           android:layout_width="wrap_content"
           android:layout height="wrap content"
           android:layout marginBottom="156dp"
           android:text="Read"
           app:layout constraintBottom toBottomOf="parent"
           app:layout_constraintEnd_toEndOf="parent"
           app:layout_constraintHorizontal_bias="0.498"
           app:layout constraintStart toStartOf="parent" />
      </androidx.constraintlayout.widget.ConstraintLayout>
      Read.xml:
      <?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
    <androidx.constraintlayout.widget.ConstraintLayout</pre>
xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
        xmlns:app="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res-auto"
        xmlns:tools="http://schemas.android.com/tools"
         android:layout_width="match_parent"
         android:layout height="match parent">
         <TextView
           android:id="@+id/textView3"
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android:layout\_width="207dp"

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android:layout_height="47dp"
  android:text="File Content:"
  android:textSize="24sp"
  app:layout_constraintBottom_toBottomOf="parent"
  app:layout_constraintEnd_toEndOf="parent"
  app:layout_constraintStart_toStartOf="parent"
  app:layout_constraintTop_toTopOf="parent"
  app:layout_constraintVertical_bias="0.602" />
<TextView
  android:id="@+id/textView"
  android:layout_width="125dp"
  android:layout height="50dp"
  android:text="File Name"
  android:textSize="24sp"
  app:layout_constraintBottom_toBottomOf="parent"
  app:layout_constraintEnd_toEndOf="parent"
  app:layout_constraintHorizontal_bias="0.461"
  app:layout_constraintStart_toStartOf="parent"
  app:layout_constraintTop_toTopOf="parent"
  app:layout_constraintVertical_bias="0.19" />
<EditText
  android:id="@+id/name"
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android:layout width="wrap content"

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android:layout height="wrap content"
  android:ems="10"
  android:inputType="textPersonName"
  android:text=""
  android:textSize="24sp"
  app:layout constraintBottom toBottomOf="parent"
app:layout_constraintEnd_toEndOf="parent"
app:layout_constraintHorizontal_bias="0.496"
app:layout_constraintStart_toStartOf="parent"
app:layout_constraintTop_toTopOf="parent"
app:layout_constraintVertical_bias="0.29" />
<EditText
  android:id="@+id/content"
  android:layout_width="wrap_content"
  android:layout_height="wrap_content"
  android:ems="10"
  android:inputType="textPersonName"
  android:text=""
  android:textSize="24sp"
  app:layout_constraintBottom_toBottomOf="parent"
  app:layout_constraintEnd_toEndOf="parent"
  app:layout constraintHorizontal bias="0.496"
  app:layout constraintStart toStartOf="parent"
  app:layout_constraintTop_toTopOf="parent"
  app:layout_constraintVertical bias="0.724" />
```

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android:id="@+id/read2"
           android:layout_width="wrap_content"
           android:layout height="wrap content"
           android:text="Read"
           app:layout_constraintBottom_toBottomOf="parent"
           app:layout_constraintEnd_toEndOf="parent"
           app:layout constraintHorizontal bias="0.498"
           app:layout_constraintStart_toStartOf="parent"
           app:layout_constraintTop_toTopOf="parent"
           app:layout_constraintVertical_bias="0.407" />
      </androidx.constraintlayout.widget.ConstraintLayout>
      <u>AndroidManifest.xml:</u>
      <?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
      <manifest xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"</pre>
         package="com.example.ex7">
<application
android:allowBackup="true"
android:icon="@mipmap/ic_launcher"
android:label="@string/app_name"
android:roundlcon="@mipmap/ic launcher round"
android:supportsRtl="true"
```

<Button

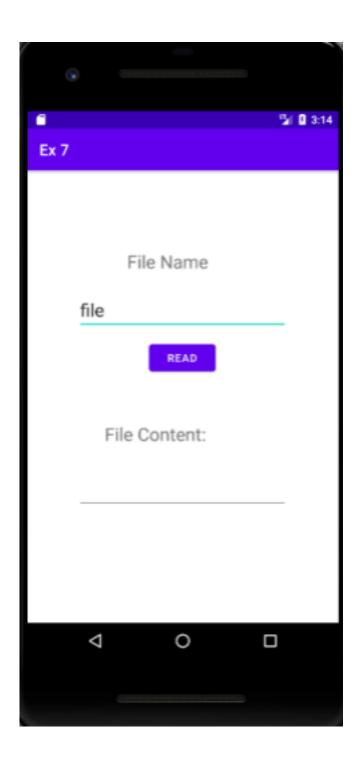
```
android:theme="@style/Theme.Ex7">
<activity
android:name=".MainActivity"
android:exported="true">
<intent-filter>
<action android:name="android.intent.action.MAIN" />
<category android:name="android.intent.category.LAUNCHER" /> </intent-filter>
</activity>
<activity android:name=".Read"></activity>
</application>
<uses-permission
android:name="android.permission.WRITE EXTERNAL STORAGE" />
<uses-permission
android:name="android.permission.READ_EXTERNAL_STORAGE" />
<uses-permission
android:name="android.permission.MANAGE EXTERNAL STORAGE" /> </manifest>
```

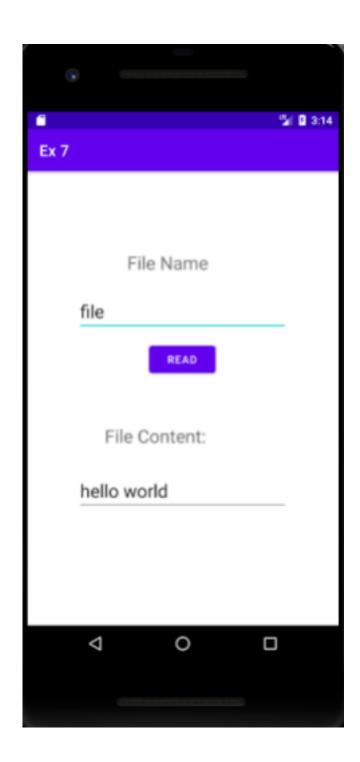
#### Output:

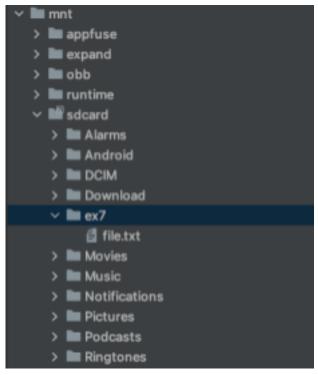












# **Best Practices:**

- Used appropriate ids for buttons, views and intents
- Aligned views.

# **Learning Outcomes:**

- Learnt to create a file
- Learnt to write to a file and store the file in SD card
- Learnt to read from a file that is in SD card