

COMP 90018 Mobile Computing Systems Programming

Tutorial on Android Development

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Welcome

Outcomes of this tutorial:

1. To store and read data from Content Provider and SQLite.

Question

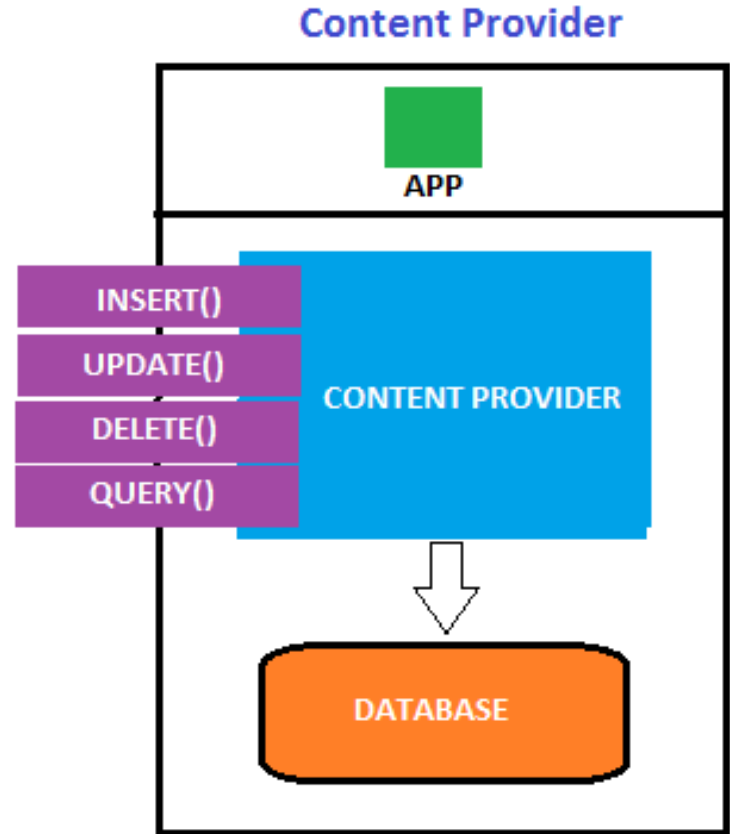
**What are the four components in
Android Apps?**

Four Components in Android Apps

1. **Activity: foreground program**
2. **Service: background task**
3. **Broadcast Receiver: respond to events**
4. **Content Provider: read/write data on phone storage (or anywhere)**

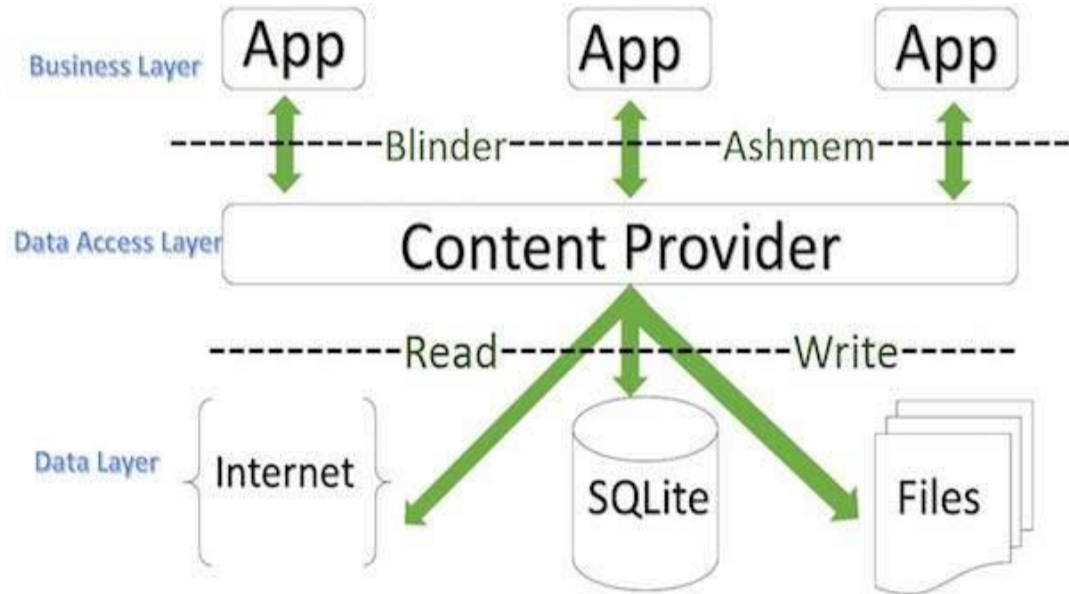
Content Provider

- Mostly, for App to access Database



Content Provider Component

- Supplies data from one application to others on request.
- Can use different ways to store its data and the data can be stored in a database, in files, or even over a network.



Content Provider

- Behaves like a database where you can query it, edit its content, using (insert(), update(), delete(), and query()) methods.
- A content provider is implemented as a subclass of **ContentProvider** class.

```
public class My Application extends  ContentProvider {  
}
```

Question

**How do you identify a Content
Provider?**

URIs: For Identification

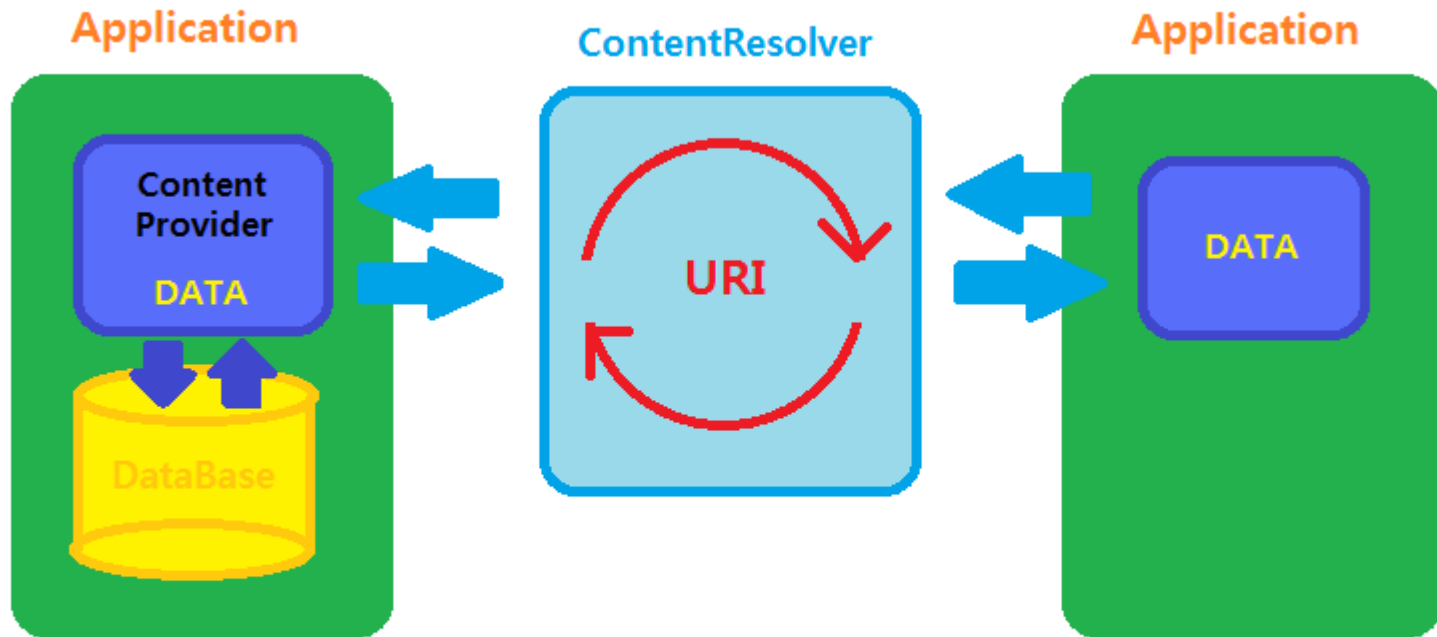



그림 출처 : arabiannight.tistory.com


Content URIs

To query a content provider, you specify the query string in the form of a URI which has following format


`content://<authority>/<data_type>/<id>`



This specifies the name of the content provider, for example *contacts*,



type of data that this particular provider provides



specific record requested

Create Content Provider

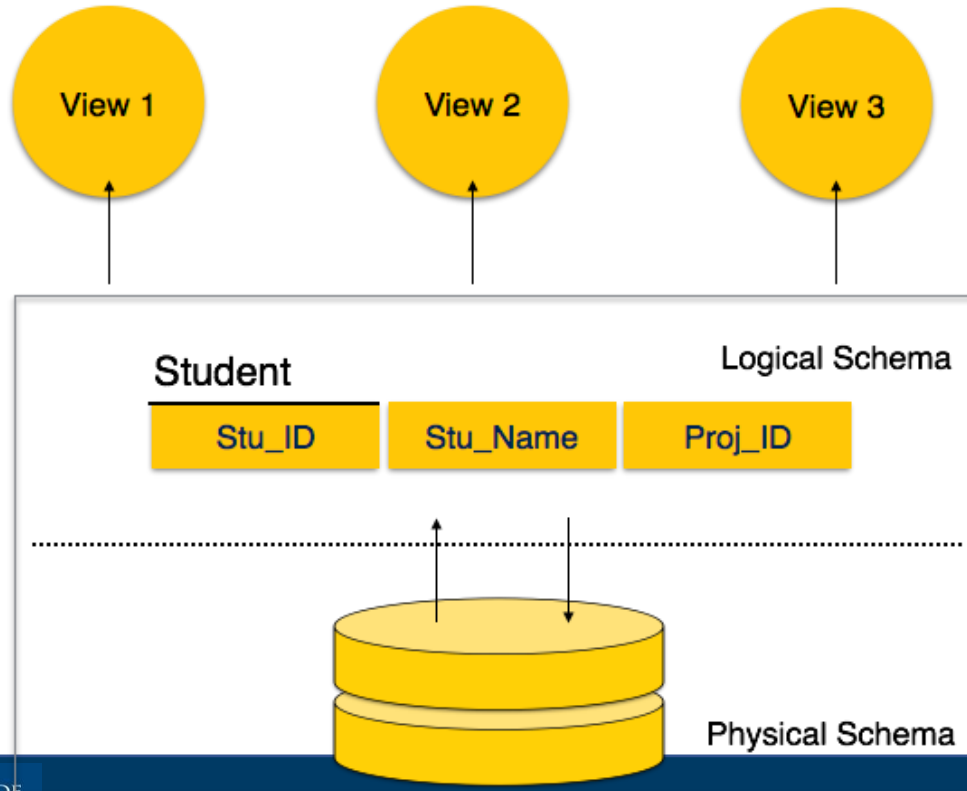
1. Create a Content Provider class that extends the *ContentProvider* baseclass.
2. Define your **content provider URI** address, which will be used to access the content.

3. Create your own **database** (*onCreate()*) to keep the content (e.g., SQLite, use *SQLite Open Helper* method to create/open the provider's database.).
4. Implement Content Provider queries to perform **database operations**.
5. Register your Content Provider in your *AndroidManifest.xml* using **<provider>** tag.

SQLite Database

- Open source SQL database via text file on a device.
- Built in SQLite database implementation.
- SQLite supports all the relational database features.
- No need to establish any connections, (like JDBC, ODBC)

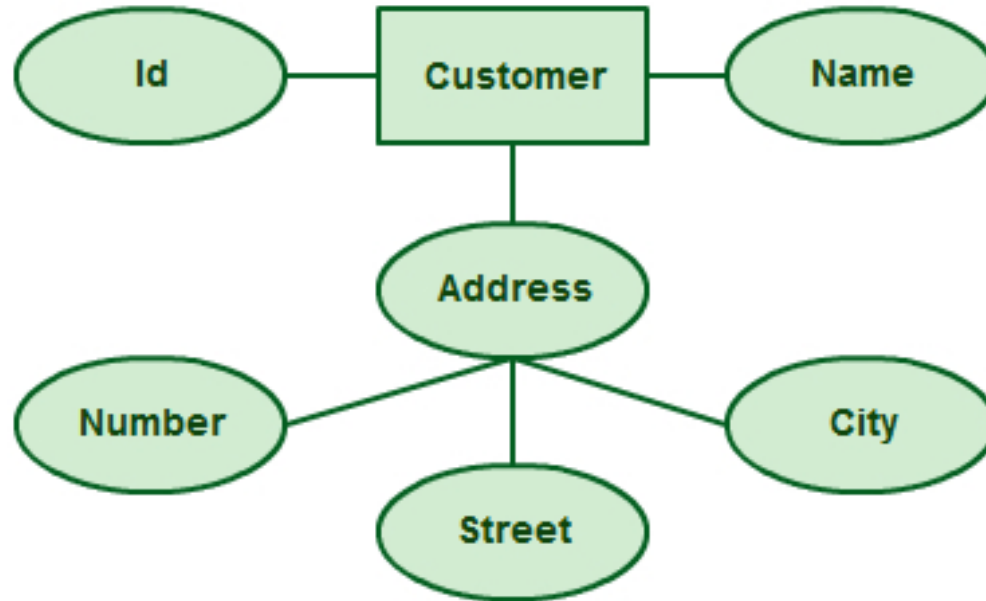
Design a Schema First



Question

How do you design a DB Schema?

E.g., Using ER Diagram





Create table

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Also create a table for relation

To create DB:

```
SQLiteDatabase mydatabase = openOrCreateDatabase("your  
database name", MODE_PRIVATE,null);
```

To create table & Insert:

```
mydatabase.execSQL("CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS  
table_name(Username VARCHAR>Password VARCHAR);");
```

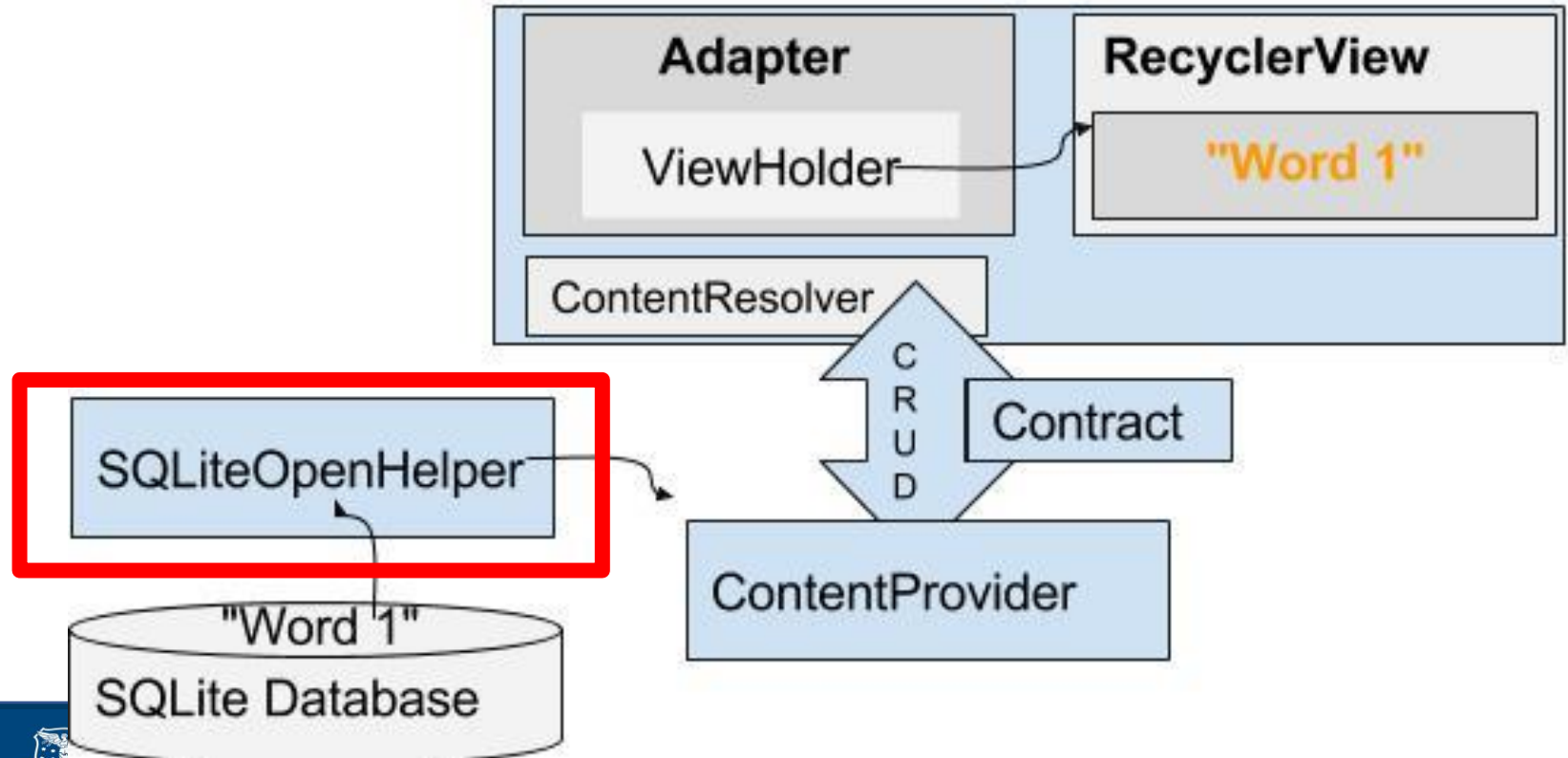
```
mydatabase.execSQL("INSERT INTO table_name  
VALUES('admin','admin');");
```

To retrieve:

```
Cursor resultSet = mydatabase.rawQuery("Select * from  
table_name",null);  
resultSet.moveToFirst();  
String username = resultSet.getString(0);  
String password = resultSet.getString(1);
```

Other functions like: getCount(), getColumnCount(), getColumnIndex(String columnName), getColumnName(int columnIndex), getPosition(), ..

DatabaseHelper: Connect CP and DB



Database - Helper class

To automatically manages the creation/update of the database.

```
public class DBHelper extends SQLiteOpenHelper {  
    public DBHelper()  
    {  
        super(context, DATABASE_NAME, null, 1);  
    }  
  
    public void onCreate(SQLiteDatabase db) {}  
    public void onUpgrade(SQLiteDatabase database, int oldVersion,  
int newVersion) {}  
}
```

Querying Data in Activity or Service:

ContentResolver.query()

<https://developer.android.com/guide/topics/providers/content-provider-basics.html>

Inserting Data in Activity or Service:

ContentValues

ContentResolver

<https://developer.android.com/guide/topics/providers/content-provider-basics.html>

Updating and Deleting :

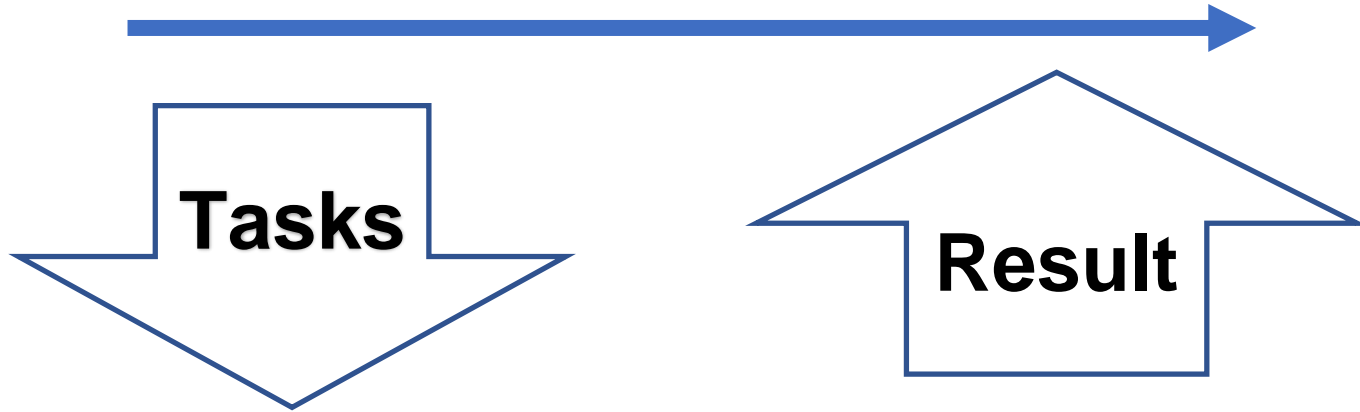
ContentResolver.update()/ delete()

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Important: Do Not Manage Data on UI Thread

A better design:

UI Thread



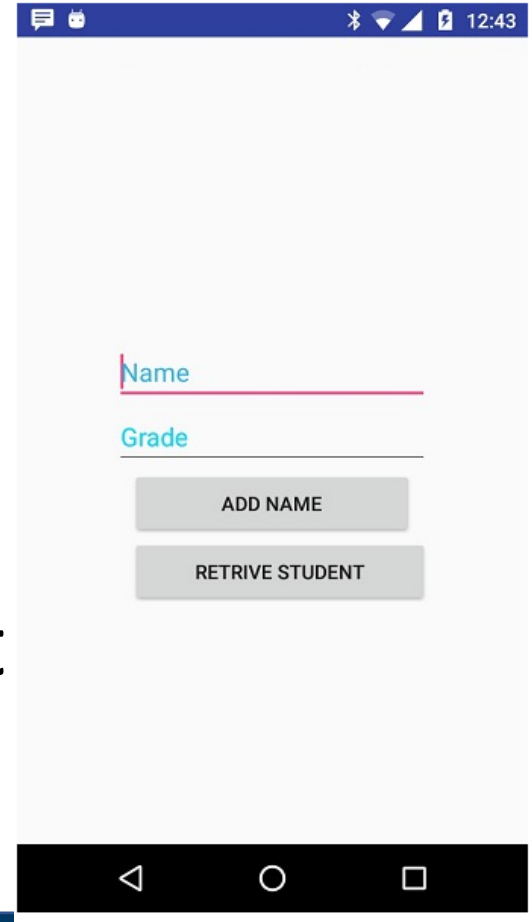
Worker Thread

Manage Data Here



Exercise:

Creates a basic Students Provider application that allows insertion, deletion and modification of student info using SQLite.



The screenshot shows a mobile application interface with a white background. At the top, there is a blue status bar with icons for messages, a robot, Bluetooth, Wi-Fi, signal strength, battery, and the time 12:43. Below the status bar, the interface features two text input fields: the first is labeled 'Name' in blue text with a pink underline, and the second is labeled 'Grade' in blue text with a blue underline. Below these fields are two grey buttons: 'ADD NAME' and 'RETRIVE STUDENT' (note the spelling). At the bottom of the screen is a black navigation bar with three white icons: a back arrow, a circle, and a square.

Code Demo

An easy implementation

Code Example: A data collection middleware - AWARE

Very good DBHelper and CP code

<https://github.com/denzilferreira/aware-client/tree/master/aware-core/src/main>

https://github.com/denzilferreira/aware-client/blob/master/aware-core/src/main/java/com/aware/providers/Accelerometer_Provider.java

<https://github.com/denzilferreira/aware-client/blob/master/aware-core/src/main/java/com/aware/utils/DatabaseHelper.java>

More learning directions:

1. To use Azure (e.g., SQL database)

See you next week

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