# **Adding Firebase to Android app**

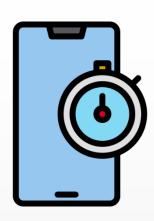
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#### Lessons learnt last time

- MQTT Messenger: Java Android app
- Types of variables in Java
- Types of modifiers in Java
- Java types
- Compound expressions in Java
- Bitwise operators in Java



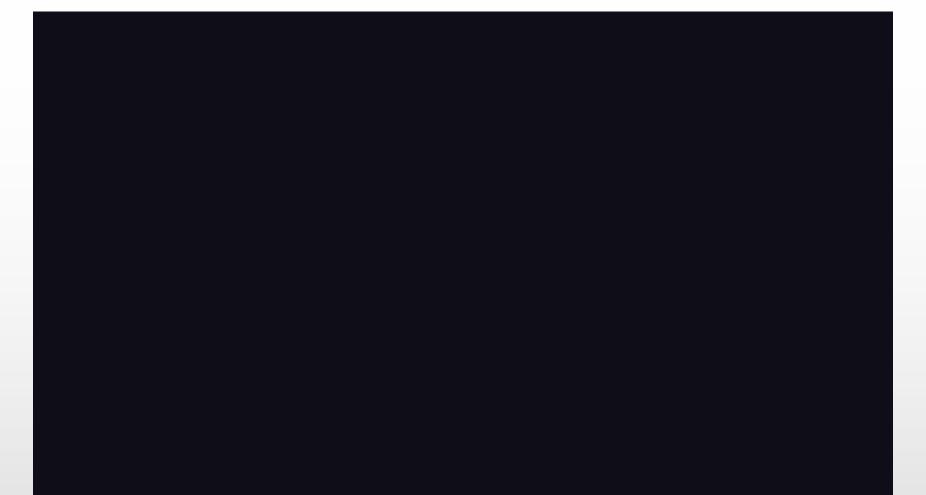
## What we gonna discuss today?

- What is Firebase?
- History of Firebase
- Why use Firebase?
- General architecture
- Services
- Adding Firebase Realtime Database to Android app



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• Firebase in 100 Seconds





 Firebase is a fully managed platform for building iOS, Android, and web apps that provides automatic data synchronization, authentication services, messaging, file storage, analytics, and more. Starting with Firebase is an efficient way to build or prototype mobile backend services.



- A set of tools which provides a full suite for app development
- NoSQL database
- Based on node.js
- Real-time syncing with multiple devices or chat application
- Ability to create applications with no server-side programming
- Backend-as-a-Service

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Getting started with Firebase on Android



## **History of Firebase**

- Founded in 2011 by Andrew Lee and James Tamplin
- Initial product was a real-time database
- Over time it becomes a full suite for app development
- Acquired by Google in 2014

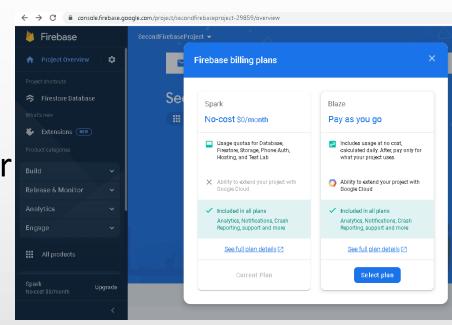


### Why use Firebase?

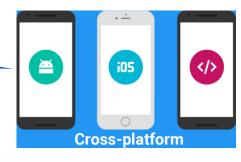
- Create app without backend server
- No need extra money spent for backend server. Ok,

### sometimes, we need:(

- Push notification
- NoSQL database so it is faster
- Auto backup
- and many more...



#### **General architecture**



- Firebase client is added to an application by including the relevant Firebase library
- Firebase has libraries for JavaScript, Java, Android, iOS and a REST API. More features - ?
- Once it is added any data structure can be saved to Firebase
- This will automatically save data to Firebase backend and synchronize the data across various instances of the application

### **General architecture (cont.)**



REST, or REpresentational State Transfer, is an architectural style for providing standards between computer systems on the web, making it easier for systems to communicate with each other.

#### **Services**

# Develop

#### **Backend Services**

#### Realtime Database

Authentication

Hosting

Storage

Cloud Messaging

Remote Config

#### **App Quality Services**

Test Lab for Android

Crash Reporting



# Grow

#### Acquisition

Dynamic Links

Invites

AdWords

#### Re-Engagement

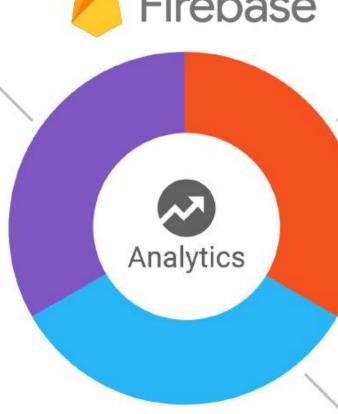
Notifications

App Indexing

### Earn

In-app Ads

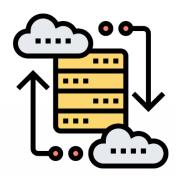
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#### Analytics

- ° Unlimited reporting of 500 event types, each with up to 25 attributes
- ° One dashboard to view user behavior and cross-network campaign performance
- ° Demographic segmentation, including age, gender, and location, available out-of-the-box
- Export raw data to BigQuery for custom querying



#### Cloud messaging

- ° Send unlimited upstream/downstream messages
- ° Send messages to individual devices or a user segment
- ° Handle all aspects of queuing and delivery
- ° It can send billions of messages with 95% of messages sent in 250ms

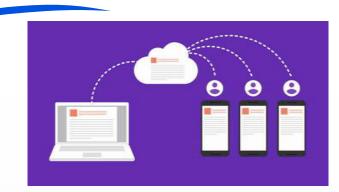
#### Authentication

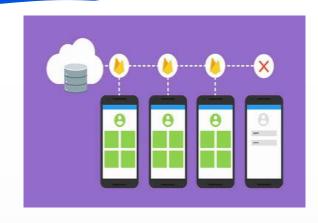
- ° Support multiple social accounts
- $^{\circ}$  Optional, out-of-the-box authentication UI optimized to give your users the best experience
- ° It can also integrate to your existing accounts
- ° Advanced functionality like email verification, anonymous accounts, and account linking
- ° Firebase will also manage user session



#### Realtime database

- ° A cloud-hosted NoSQL database
- ° Intuitive and easy-to-use API
- ° Remains responsive regardless of network latency or Internet connectivity
- ° Handles the complexity of real time synchronization and provides flexible conflict resolution
- ° Accessible directly from client SDKs, or from the server with the REST API





#### Storage

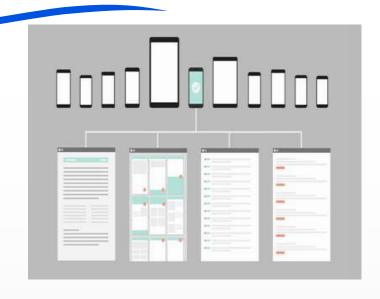
- ° Robust uploads and downloads in the background, regardless of network quality
- ° Secure client-side authorization, integrated with Authentication
- ° Petabyte scale data storage backed by Google Cloud Storage
- ° API access throughout Firebase or Google Cloud Storage APIs

#### Hosting

- ° Automatically provisioned SSL certificate
- ° Support for client-side routing
- ° Blazing-fast content worldwide
- ° Atomic deploys and one-click rollbacks on one command
- ° Every site is served over secured connection



#### Test lab



- ° Generate detailed reports and screenshots to help identify bugs
- ° Run custom test scripts on hundreds of device configurations
- ° Supplement your existing workflow through integration with Android Studio, command-line tools, and Web-based consoles

#### Crash reporting



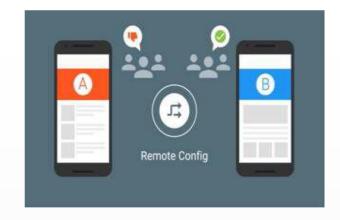
- ° Comprehensive data surrounding each crash, including device characteristics, device circumstances, a stack trace, and more
- ° Reliably collect crashes that occur while the device is online or offline





#### Notification

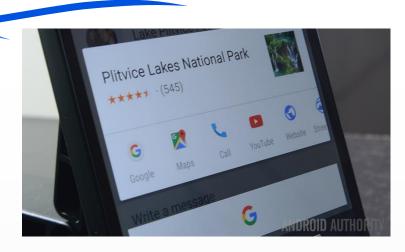
- ° Send free and unlimited notifications across Android and iOS
- ° Send messages and analyze effectiveness in one dashboard without writing any code
- ° Integrate with Firebase Analytics to deliver messages to a user segment



### Remote config

- ° Modify your app without a new production deployment
- ° Customize content for different Firebase Analytics audiences and measure results
- ° Roll out features gradually and monitor the impact

### App indexing



- ° Show your in-app content via Google Search
- Make your content accessible through auto complete and Now on Tap for Android device
- ° Improve your app ranking in Google Search results



### Dynamics links

- ° Improve acquisition and engagement by bringing users directly to content that they were originally searching for, whether they have your app installed or not
- Delight new users with personalized promotions and messages after install



#### Invites

- ° Invite the most relevant contacts with smart suggestions
- $^{\circ}$  Free email and SMS delivery
- ° Powered by Firebase Dynamic Links



#### AdWords

- ° Conversion tracking for first opens and in-app events without implementing any additional SDKs
- ° Cross-network attribution measurement and LTV in one dashboard
- ° Show ads to users based on user segments from Firebase Analytics



#### AdMOB

- ° Show ads from millions of Google advertisers competing in real time
- ° Choose a format to suit your app, including banner, video and native ads
- ° Work with more than 40 top ad networks using AdMob Mediation
- ° Cross-promote between your apps for free with AdMob house ads

#### About JSON structured data

- ° The data stored in the Firebase Realtime Database is JSON structured, i.e., the entire database will be a JSON tree with multiple nodes
- ° Unlike SQL database, Firebase Realtime Database doesn't have tables or records in the JSON tree. Whenever we are adding some data to the JSON tree, then it becomes a node in the existing JSON structure with some key associated with it. All Firebase Realtime Database data is stored as JSON objects.
- ° Following is an example of JSON structured data:

```
{
    "company": {
        "name": "MindOrks",
        "address": "Gurugram"
}
```



- Prerequisites
  - ° Install or update Android Studio to its latest version (ok, 4.0 is good enough)
  - Our Make sure that your project meets these requirements:
    - Targets API level 16 (Jelly Bean) or later

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- Uses Gradle 4.1 or later

**Android Studio Dolphin 2021.3.1** 

- Uses Jetpack (AndroidX), which includes meeting these version requirements:
  - · com.android.tools.build:gradle v3.2.1 or later
  - · compileSdkVersion 28 or later
- ° Set up a physical device or use an emulator to run your app
- ° Emulators must use an emulator image with Google Play
- ° Sign into Firebase using your Google account

#### Database configuration rules

° The data present in the database is very important and we shouldn't give access to everyone to use the data present in our database. So, Firebase Realtime Database has some database configuration rules that can be used to provide different access to different users:

- Default
- Public
- User



- Database configuration rules
  - ° *Default*: By default, the read and write access to our database is disabled and no one can read or write data from the database in this mode. Here, we can access the data of the database from the Firebase Console only.

```
// These rules don't allow anyone read or write access to your database
{
    "rules": {
        ".read": false,
        ".write": false
}
```

#### Database configuration rules

° *Public*: By using public rules, anyone can change the data presented in the database. This rule is generally used when we are testing our application and after testing the app, we can set the rule to User only.

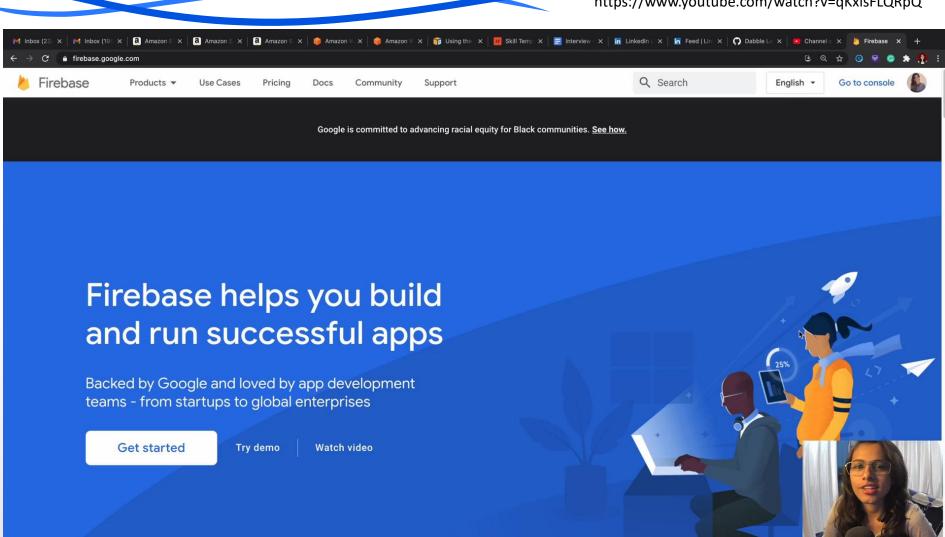
```
// These rules give anyone, even people who are not users of your app,
// read and write access to your database
{
    "rules": {
        ".read": true,
        ".write": true
}
```

- Database configuration rules
  - ° *User*: In this rule, the user of our application can read and write in our database. We can authenticate our user using the Firebase Login and Authentication and after that, our user will have the access to our database.

```
// These rules grant access to a node matching the authenticated
// user's ID from the Firebase auth token
{
    "rules": {
        "suid": {
            ".read": "$uid === auth.uid",
            ".write": "$uid === auth.uid"
        }
    }
}
```

#### Firebase Realtime Database Creation in 5 mins

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- Create the Firebase Realtime database and connect it to our Android project
  - **Step 1.** Open Android Studio and create a new project or open an existing project.
  - **Step 2.** In Android Studio, log in with your Google account email. You can find the login button at the top right corner of the Android Studio. (Pls remember the email ID that you have used

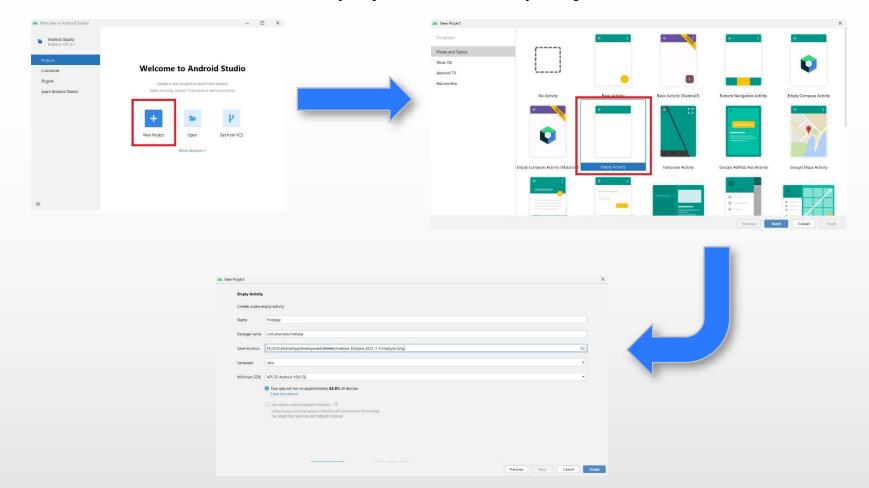
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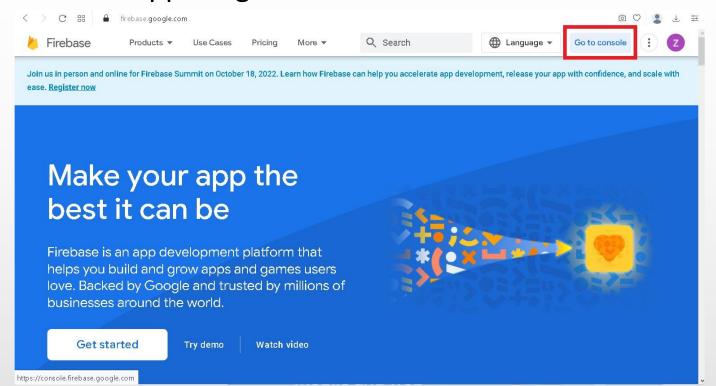
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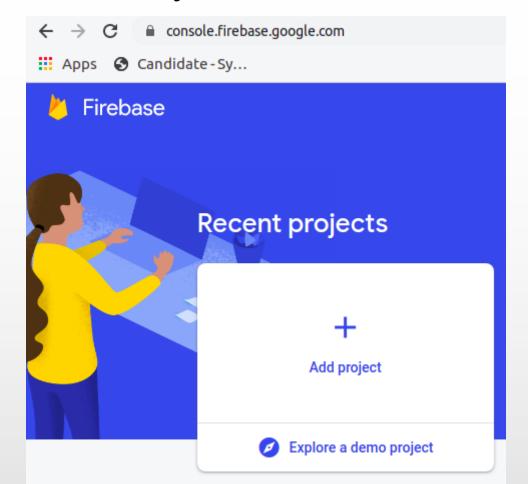
• If we create a new empty Android project:



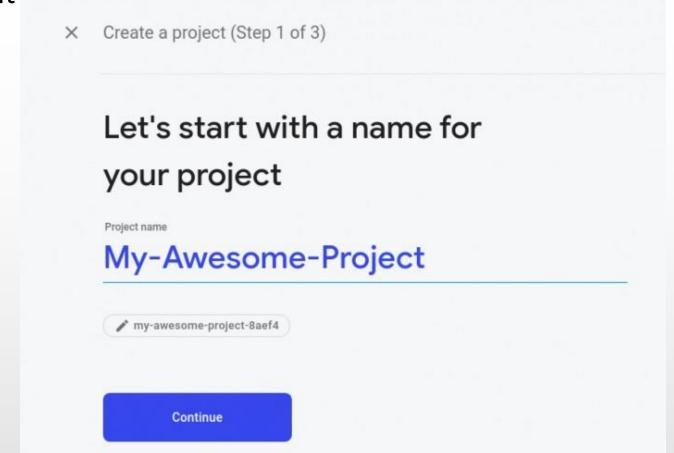
- **Step 3.** Open the Firebase website and login into it (use the same email id as used in Android Studio for login)
- **Step 4.** After login, click on the "Go To Console" button that is present of the upper right side of the website



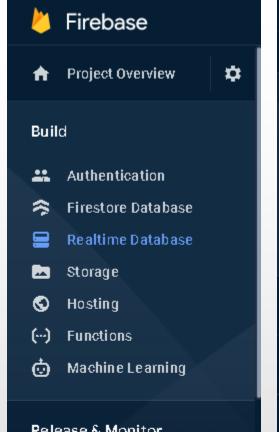
### Step 5. Click on "Add Project"



**Step 6.** Enter the required details of the project and click on submit



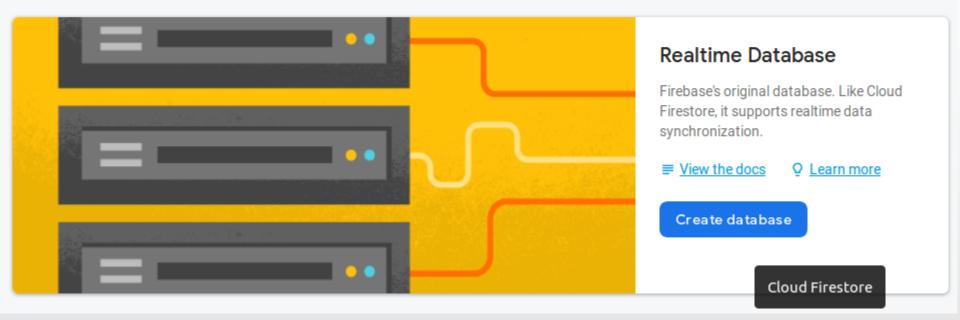
**Step 7.** After creating a project, we will see the below image (or something similar :) of our project dashboard



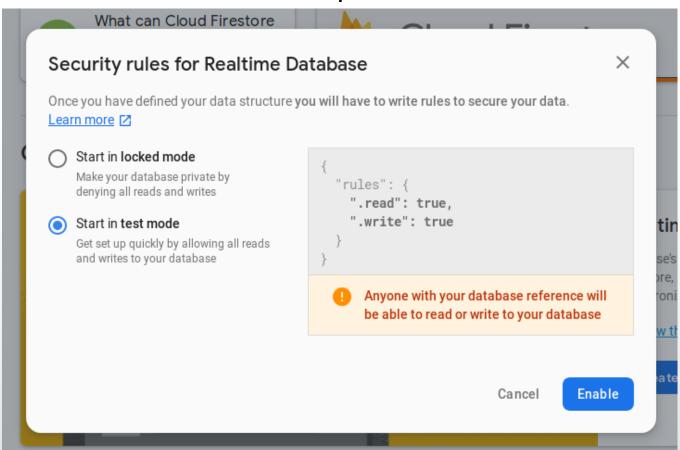


**Step 8.** Click on "Database" and then in the Realtime Database section, click on "Create Database"

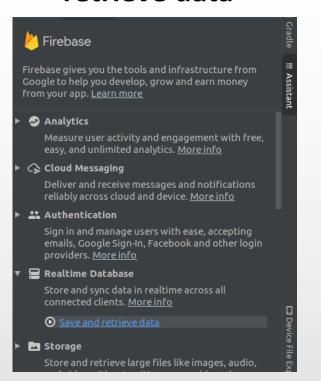
#### Or choose Realtime Database



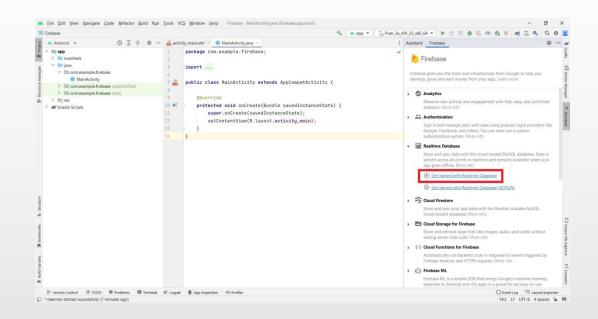
**Step 9.** We use the database for the educational purpose. Hence, select the "*Start in test mode*" option and click on enable.



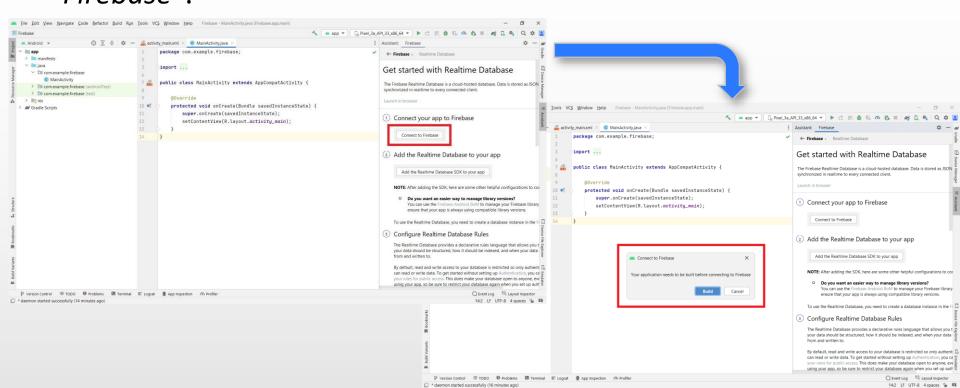
**Step 10.** Now, come back to our Android Studio project. We have to connect our Firebase project with the Android Studio project. So, click on **Tools** > **Firebase** > **Realtime Database** > **Save and retrieve data** 



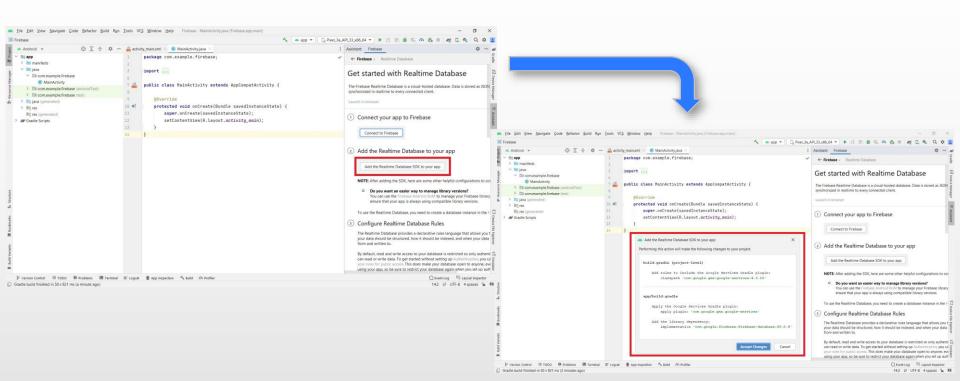
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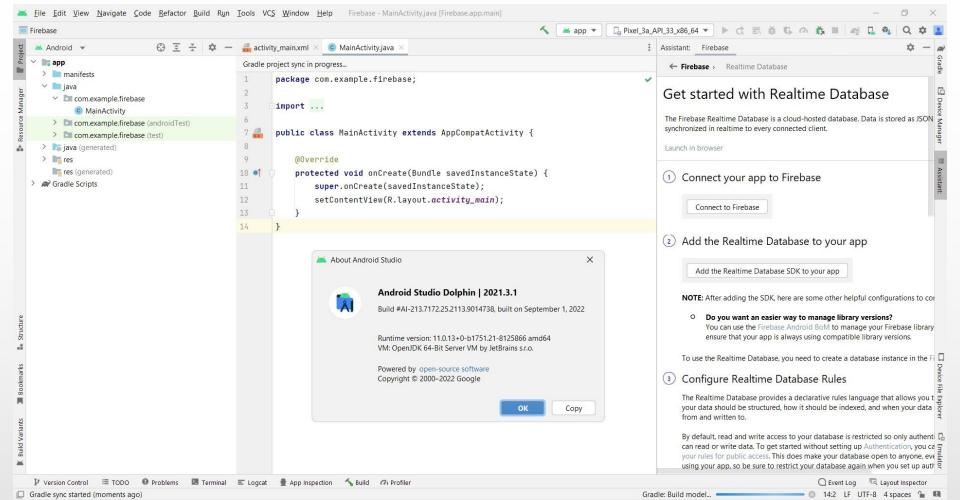
**Step 11.** After that click on "Connect to Firebase". A list of projects will be shown to you. Select the project that you have created on the Firebase website and click on "Connect to Firebase".



**Step 12.** Lastly, we have to add the dependency of Firebase Realtime Database in our project by clicking on "Add the Realtime Database SDK to your app" button and then "Accept changes".



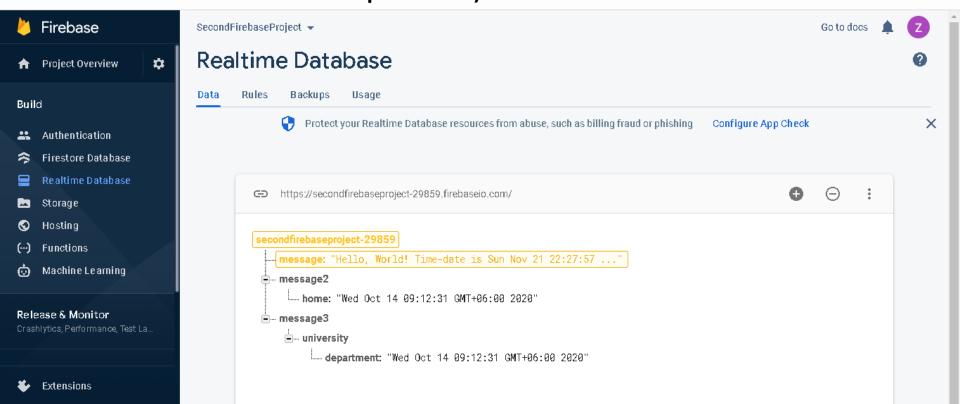
• To develop the app, we use Android Studio Dolphin 2021.3.1



#### How to write a database

° Here, getInstance() is used to get the complete instance of the Database. Then, with the help of that instance, we store the data at the particular location as shown in the below code:

° The Database reference looks like in the Firebase console in the below image (the yellow color means that the node was updated):



° If we want to create a multi-node database, we can set the path in the *getReference*() as follows (we can also use *.child()* to get the same results):

```
// Write a message to the database
// Write a message to the database
FirebaseDatabase database = FirebaseDatabase.getInstance();
// Set path to get the multiple dropdown nodes
DatabaseReference myRef = database.getReference("message/java/user");
myRef.setValue("Hello, World! Time-date is "+ Calendar.getInstance().getTime());
//We can also use .child() to get the same results
myRef = database.getReference("message1").child("java").child("user");
myRef.setValue("Hello, World! Time-date is "+ Calendar.getInstance().getTime());
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public void WriteInfotoFirebaseMultiNode (View view) {

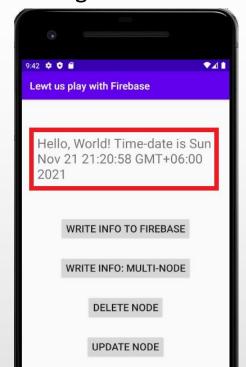
#### How to read database

° To update our app data in the real-time, we have to attach a *ValueEventListener* to the object of the reference we have created above.

° onDataChange() method is called once when this method is attached to the listener, whenever a data is changed, including their children's

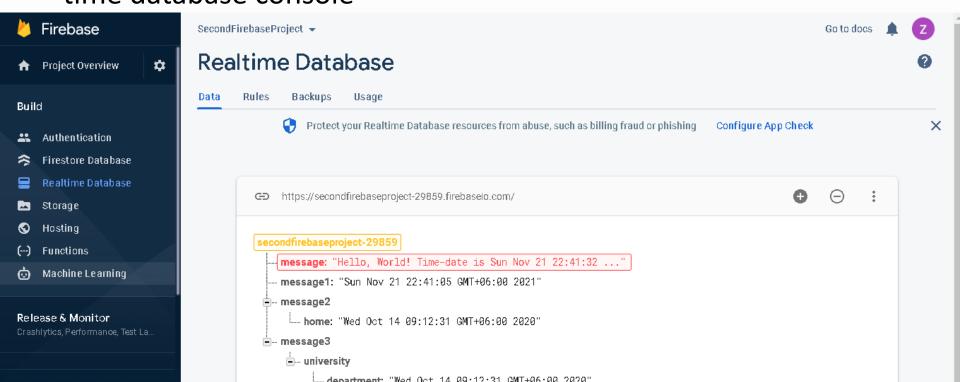
onDataChange() method triggered again.

```
FirebaseDatabase database = FirebaseDatabase.getInstance();
   // getReference() gets the reference if the reference is already created...
   // if reference is not created then it will create a new reference here
   DatabaseReference myRef = database.getReference("message");
   private static final String TAG=MainActivity.class.getSimpleName();
   TextView textView;
@Override
   protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
       super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
        setContentView(R.layout.activity main);
       textView = (TextView) findViewById(R.id.textViewID);
        // Read from the database
       myRef.addValueEventListener(new ValueEventListener() {
           public void onDataChange(DataSnapshot dataSnapshot) {
// This method is called once with the initial value and again
// whenever data at this location is updated
                   String value = dataSnapshot.getValue(String.class);
                   Log.i(TAG, "Value is: " + value);
                   textView.setText(value);
                } catch (Exception exception) {}
            public void onCancelled(DatabaseError error) {
                // Failed to read value
               Log.i(TAG, "Failed to read value.", error.toException());
```



- How to delete node from database
  - ° We can delete the node by putting the reference path and setting the value to *null* or by attaching *removeValue*() to it

° When we delete the node, it will instantly update in the realtime database. In the image below, we can see that when we delete the node it will turn red and then remove from the realtime database console



- How to update node in the database
  - ° .setValue("String"); is used to set the value in the database
  - ° Also, we can attach the listener just to know whether the operation is successful or not

• if we need to use Google Services, we have to add the following lines of code inside the build.gradle (Project) file:

```
plugins {
    id 'com.android.application' version '7.2.0' apply false
    id 'com.android.library' version '7.2.0' apply false
    id 'com.google.gms.google-services' version '4.3.10' apply false
}
task clean(type: Delete) {
    delete rootProject.buildDir
}
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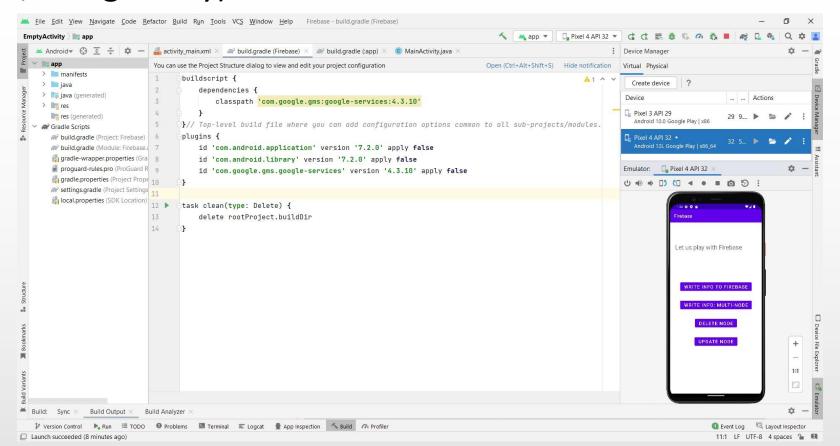
and be sure that we have the following plugin IDs inside the build.gradle (Module) file:

```
plugins {
   id 'com.android.application'
   id 'com.google.gms.google-services'
}
```

activity\_main.xml is as follows:

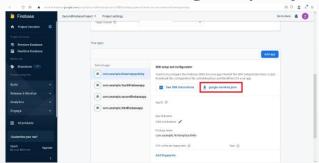
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<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<androidx.constraintlayout.widget.ConstraintLayout xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
 xmlns:app="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res-auto"
 xmlns:tools="http://schemas.android.com/tools"
 android:layout_width="match_parent"
 android:layout_height="match_parent"
 tools:context=".MainActivity">
 <TextView
   android:id="@+id/textViewID"
   android:layout_width="350dp"
   android:layout_height="133dp"
   android:text="Let us play with Firebase"
   android:textSize="26sp"
   app:layout_constraintBottom_toBottomOf="parent"
   app:layout_constraintEnd_toEndOf="parent"
   app:layout constraintLeft toLeftOf="parent"
   app:layout_constraintRight_toRightOf="parent"
   app:layout_constraintStart_toStartOf="parent"
   app:layout constraintTop toTopOf="parent"
   app:layout_constraintVertical_bias="0.146" />
   android:id="@+id/button"
   android:layout_width="wrap_content"
   android:layout_height="wrap_content"
   android:layout_marginTop="30dp"
   android:onClick="WriteInfotoFirebase"
   android:text="Write info to Firebase"
   android:textSize="20sp"
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   android:layout_marginTop="30dp"
   android:onClick="DeleteNode"
   android:text="Delete node"
   android:textSize="20sp"
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   app:layout_constraintTop_toBottomOf="@+id/button2" />
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   android:layout_marginTop="30dp"
   android:onClick="UpdateNode"
   android:text="Update node"
   android:textSize="20sp"
   app:layout constraintEnd toEndOf="parent"
   app:layout constraintStart toStartOf="parent"
   app:layout_constraintTop_toBottomOf="@+id/button3" />
</androidx.constraintlayout.widget.ConstraintLayout>
```

 An example with smartphone Pixel 4 (API 32, Android 12, Google Play):



- *Perhaps* we need to add the file google-services.json manually:

  https://stackoverflow.com/questions/33866061/error-file-google-services-json-is-missing-from-module-root-folder-the-google/50173745
  - 1. Goto https://console.firebase.google.com/
  - 2. Select your project
  - 3. On the left menu, click on settings > project settings



4. Add an app or download the google-services.json file under the Your App section CDIR>
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