

SharedPreferences

android.content.SharedPreferences

Class Overview

Interface for accessing and modifying preference data returned by [getSharedPreferences\(String, int\)](#). For any particular set of preferences, there is a single instance of this class that all clients share. Modifications to the preferences must go through an [SharedPreferences.Editor](#) object to ensure the preference values remain in a consistent state and control when they are committed to storage.

Note: currently this class does not support use across multiple processes. This will be added later.

Developer Guides

For more information about using SharedPreferences, read the [Data Storage](#) developer guide.

See Also

- [getSharedPreferences\(String, int\)](#)

Summary

Nested Classes		
interface	SharedPreferences.Editor	Interface used for modifying values in a SharedPreferences object.
interface	SharedPreferences.OnSharedPreferenceChangeListener	Interface definition for a callback to be invoked when a preference is changed.
Public Methods		
abstract boolean	contains(String key)	Checks whether the preferences contains a preference.
abstract SharedPreferences.Editor	edit()	Create a new Editor for these preferences, through which you can make modifications to preferences and atomically commit those changes back to the SharedPreferences.

abstract Map < String , ?>	getAll() Retrieve all values from the preferences.
abstract boolean	getBoolean (String key, boolean defValue) Retrieve a boolean value from the preferences.
abstract float	getFloat (String key, float defValue) Retrieve a float value from the preferences.
abstract int	getInt (String key, int defValue) Retrieve an int value from the preferences.
abstract long	getLong (String key, long defValue) Retrieve a long value from the preferences.
abstract String	getString (String key, String defValue) Retrieve a String value from the preferences.
abstract Set < String >	getStringSet (String key, Set < String > defValues) Retrieve a set of String values from the preferences.
abstract void	registerOnSharedPreferenceChangeListener (SharedPreferences.OnSharedPreferenceChangeListener) Registers a callback to be invoked when a change happens to a preference.
abstract void	unregisterOnSharedPreferenceChangeListener (SharedPreferences.OnSharedPreferenceChangeListener) Unregisters a previous callback.

Public Methods

```
public abstract boolean contains (String key)
```

Since: [API Level 1](#)

Checks whether the preferences contains a preference.

Parameters

key The name of the preference to check.

Returns

- Returns true if the preference exists in the preferences, otherwise false.

```
public abstract SharedPreferences.Editor edit ()
```

Since: [API Level 1](#)

Create a new Editor for these preferences, through which you can make modifications to the data in the preferences and atomically commit those changes back to the SharedPreferences object.

Note that you *must* call [commit\(\)](#) to have any changes you perform in the Editor actually show up in the SharedPreferences.

Returns

- Returns a new instance of the [SharedPreferences.Editor](#) interface, allowing you to modify the values in this SharedPreferences object.

```
public abstract Map<String, ?> getAll ()
```

Since: [API Level 1](#)

Retrieve all values from the preferences.

Returns

- Returns a map containing a list of pairs key/value representing the preferences.

Throws

[NullPointerException](#)

```
public abstract boolean getBoolean (String key, boolean defValue)
```

Since: [API Level 1](#)

Retrieve a boolean value from the preferences.

Parameters

key The name of the preference to retrieve.

defValue Value to return if this preference does not exist.

Returns

- Returns the preference value if it exists, or defValue. Throws ClassCastException if there is a preference with this name that is not a boolean.

Throws

[ClassCastException](#)

```
public abstract float getFloat (String key, float defValue)
```

Since: [API Level 1](#)

Retrieve a float value from the preferences.

Parameters

key The name of the preference to retrieve.

defValue Value to return if this preference does not exist.

Returns

- Returns the preference value if it exists, or defValue. Throws ClassCastException if there is a preference with this name that is not a float.

Throws

[ClassCastException](#)

```
public abstract int getInt (String key, int defValue)
```

Since: [API Level 1](#)

Retrieve an int value from the preferences.

Parameters

key The name of the preference to retrieve.

defValue Value to return if this preference does not exist.

Returns

- Returns the preference value if it exists, or defValue. Throws ClassCastException if there is a preference with this name that is not an int.

Throws

[ClassCastException](#)

```
public abstract long getLong (String key, long defValue)
```

Since: [API Level 1](#)

Retrieve a long value from the preferences.

Parameters

key The name of the preference to retrieve.

defValue Value to return if this preference does not exist.

Returns

- Returns the preference value if it exists, or defValue. Throws ClassCastException if there is a preference with this name that is not a long.

Throws

[ClassCastException](#)

```
public abstract String getString (String key, String defValue)
```

Since: [API Level 1](#)

Retrieve a String value from the preferences.

Parameters

key The name of the preference to retrieve.

defValue Value to return if this preference does not exist.

Returns

- Returns the preference value if it exists, or defValue. Throws ClassCastException if there is a preference with this name that is not a String.

Throws

[ClassCastException](#)

```
public abstract Set<String> getStringSet (String key, Set<String> defValues)
```

Since: [API Level 11](#)

Retrieve a set of String values from the preferences.

Parameters

- key** The name of the preference to retrieve.
- defValues** Values to return if this preference does not exist.

Returns

- Returns the preference values if they exist, or defValues. Throws `ClassCastException` if there is a preference with this name that is not a Set.

Throws

[ClassCastException](#)

```
public abstract  
void registerOnSharedPreferenceChangeListener (SharedPreferences.OnSharedPreferenceChangeListener listener)
```

Since: [API Level 1](#)

Registers a callback to be invoked when a change happens to a preference.

Parameters

- listener** The callback that will run.

See Also

- [unregisterOnSharedPreferenceChangeListener \(SharedPreferences.OnSharedPreferenceChangeListener\)](#)

```
public abstract  
void unregisterOnSharedPreferenceChangeListener (SharedPreferences.OnSharedPreferenceChangeListener listener)
```

Since: [API Level 1](#)

Unregisters a previous callback.

Parameters

- listener** The callback that should be unregistered.