Intro to Firebase Database

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Agenda

- Firebase Setup
- Understanding Realtime Database
- Integrating Firebase w/ Raspberry Pi
- Integrating Firebase w/ Android Studio

Firebase Setup

Firebase Setup

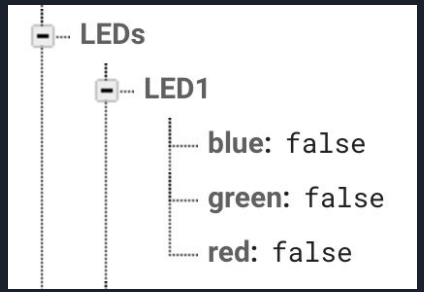
- Refer to the following link to get started with Firebase Database
  - https://docs.google.com/document/d/17ndeuLeW8Z4eBbcEDmc3TD7slmaCpgigRALZRzLwqvo/edit?usp=sharing
- Refer to the following for the pricing options
  - https://firebase.google.com/pricing

Real-time Database

Real-Time Database vs Cloud Firestore

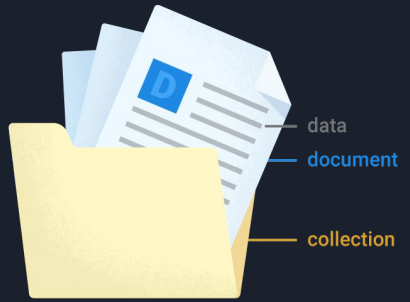
Real-Time Database

- NoSQL Database
- JSON Structure



Cloud Firestore

- NoSQL Database
- Stores data in documents
  - Arranged in collections



Firebase with Raspberry Pi

1. Generate the Firebase-Admin Key

Refer to the following link to generate the Firebase-Admin key and save the key on the **Raspberry Pi**.

2. Authenticating Credentials

```
import firebase_admin

from firebase_admin import credentials

cred = credentials.Certificate( “PATH_TO_SERVICE_ACCOUNT_FILE.json” )

firebase_admin.initialize_app( cred, { “databaseURL”: “LINK_TO_DATABASE_URL” } )
```

NOTE: replace the **PATH_TO_SERVICE_ACCOUNT_FILE** with the appropriate path

NOTE: replace the **LINK_TO_DATABASE_URL** with the appropriate URL

NOTE: Ues the following link to refer to the official documentation

3. Creating Database Reference

```
from firebase_admin import db

db_ref = db.reference( “PATH_TO_REFERENCE” )

db_ref.set( VALUE )

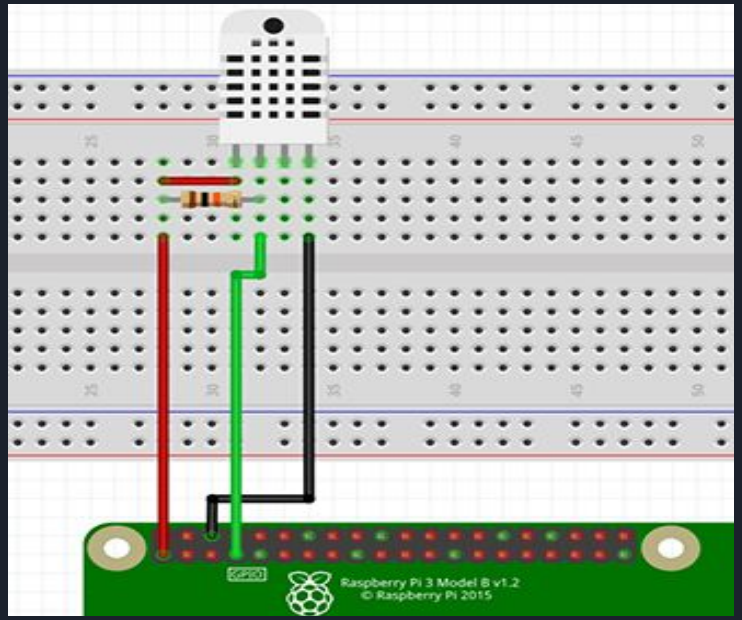
data = db_ref.get()
```

NOTE: replace the **PATH_TO_REFERENCE** with the appropriate path

NOTE: replace **VALUE** with the appropriate value

Challenge 1 -- Revisiting DHT22

Modify the DHT22 Sensor code to read temperature and humidity value every 10 sec and save the value to the firebase database.



Challenge 1 -- Solution

```
import firebase_admin
from firebase_admin import credentials
from firebase_admin import db
import Adafruit_DHT

DHT_SENSOR = Adaruit_DHT.DHT22
DHT_PIN = 4

cred = credentials.Certificate( “PATH_TO_SERVICE_ACCOUNT_FILE.json” )
firebase_admin.initialize_app( cred, { “databaseURL”: “LINK_TO_DATABASE_URL” } )
```

Challenge 1 -- Solution Cont.

```
while 1:
        hum, temp = Adaruit_DHT.read_retry( DHT_SENSOR, DHT_PIN )

        temp_ref = db.reference( “Sensors/temperature” )
        temp_ref.set( temp )

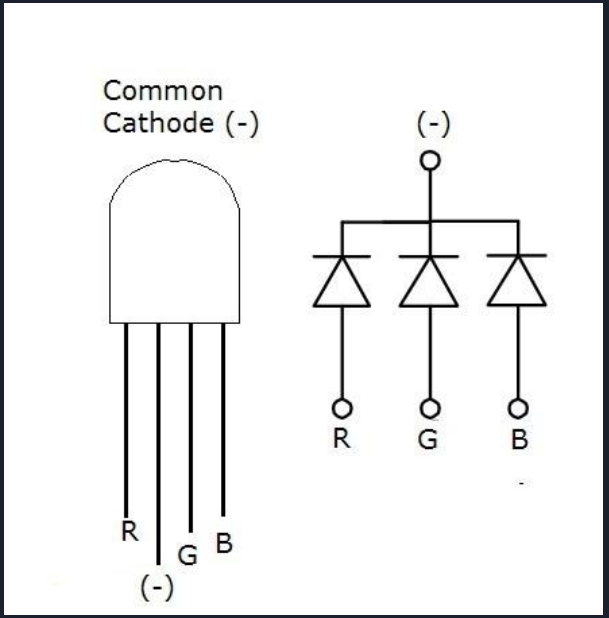
        hum_ref = db.reference( “Sensors/humidity” )
        hum_ref.set( hum )


        print( “Humidity =”, hum )
        print( “Temperature =”, temp)

        time.sleep( 10 )
```

Challenge 2 -- Revisiting RGB LED

Write a python script that read the state of the RGB led and take appropriate action based on the state of the LED.



Challenge 2 -- Solution

```
import firebase_admin
from firebase_admin import credentials
from firebase_admin import db
import RPi.GPIO as GPIO

GPIO.setmode( GPIO.BCM )
GPIO.setwarnings( False )

RED_PIN = 17
GREEN_PIN = 27
BLUE_PIN = 22

GPIO.setup( RED_PIN, GPIO.OUT )
GPIO.setup( GREEN_PIN, GPIO.OUT )
GPIO.setup( BLUE_PIN, GPIO.OUT )
```

```
### Validate Credentials and Initialize app
cred = credentials.Certificate(
        “PATH_TO_SERVICE_ACCOUNT_FILE.json” )

firebase_admin.initialize_app( cred,
        { “databaseURL”: “LINK_TO_DATABASE_URL” } )
```

Challenge 2 -- Solution Cont.

```
def initialize_led(  led_ref  ):
        data = led_ref.get( )

        if data[ “red” ] == True:
                GPIO.output( RED_PIN, GPIO.HIGH )
        else:
                GPIO.output( RED_PIN, GPIO.LOW )

        ### Similar login for Green and Blue LED
```

```
## Call the initializer
led_ref = db.reference(  “LEDs/LED1”  )
initialize_led(  led_ref  )
```

4. Event Listener

```
def callback_fun( event ):

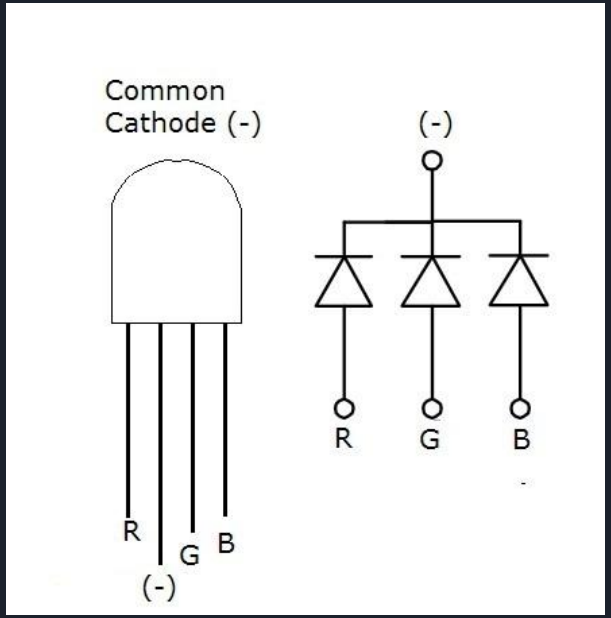
        ## do something on callback

db_ref = db.reference( “PATH_TO_REFERENCE” )

db_ref.listen( callback_fun )
```

Challenge 3 -- RGB LED Event Listener

Write a python script that listens to a LED reference on the Firebase Database and changes color based on the Truth value of RGB component in the Database.



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```

```
def led_callback( event ):
        data = event.data
        path = event.path

        if “red” in path and type( data ) is bool:
                GPIO.output( RED_PIN, GPIO.HIGH )
        else:
                GPIO.output( RED_PIN, GPIO.LOW )

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Challenge 3 -- Solution Cont.

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### Set the Event Listener
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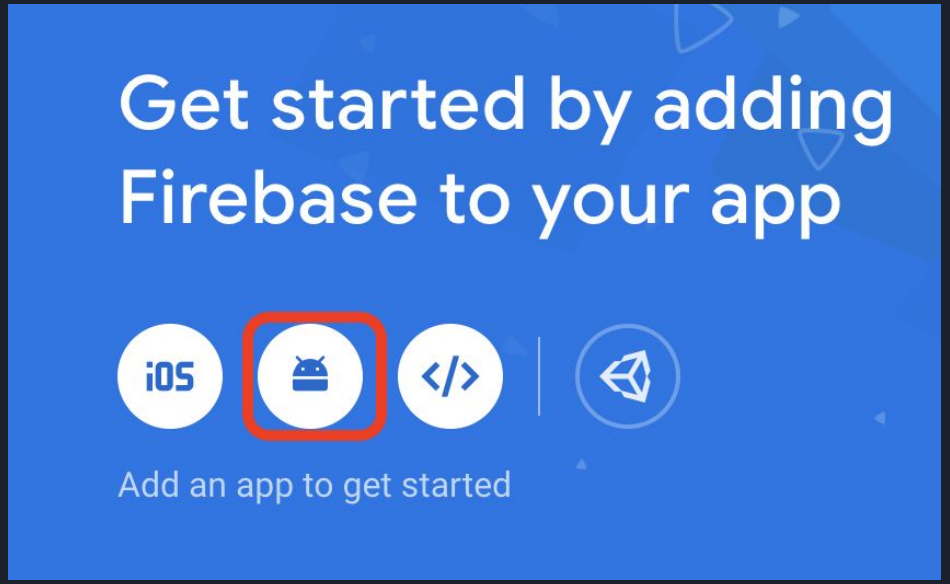
initialize_led( led_ref )
led_ref.listen( led_callback )
```

Firebase with Android Studio

Refer to the following link for the official documentation

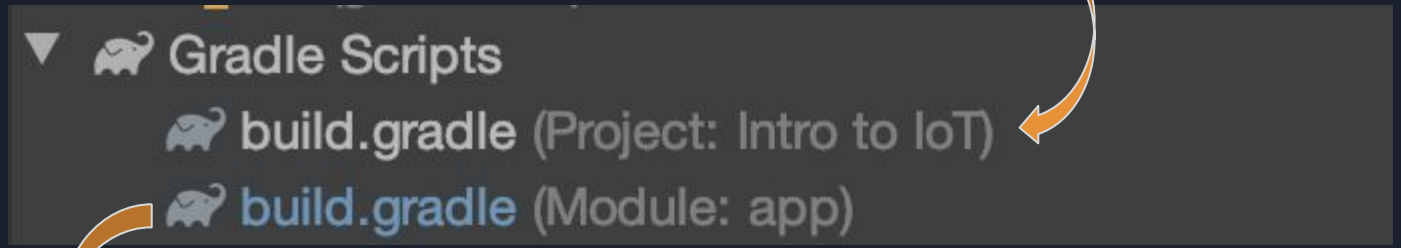
1. Registering Your Application



Start by clicking Android Icon in the Project Overview Page.

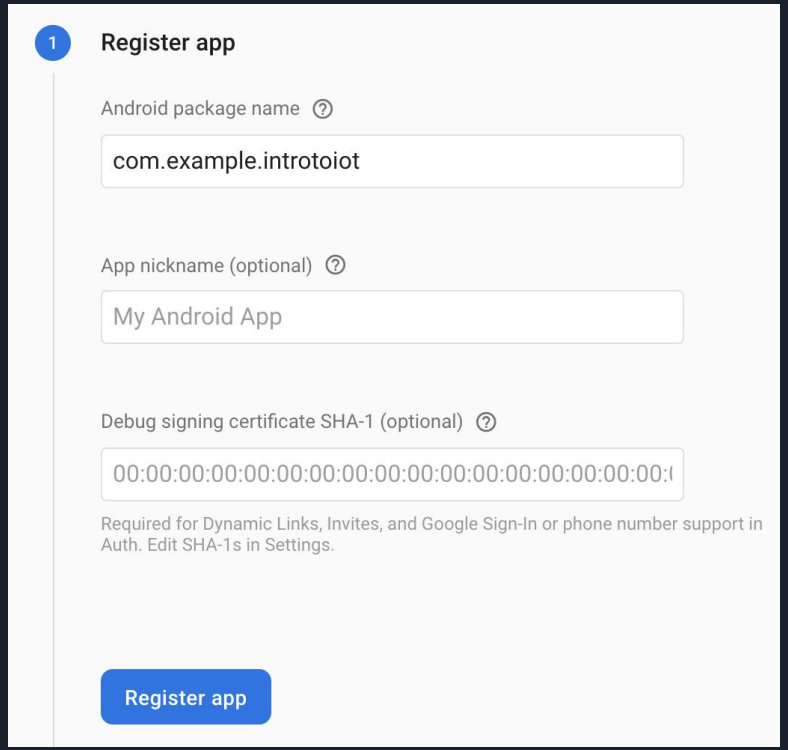
Locating Project vs App build.gradle file

Project level build.gradle file



App level build.gradle file

2. Adding Package Name

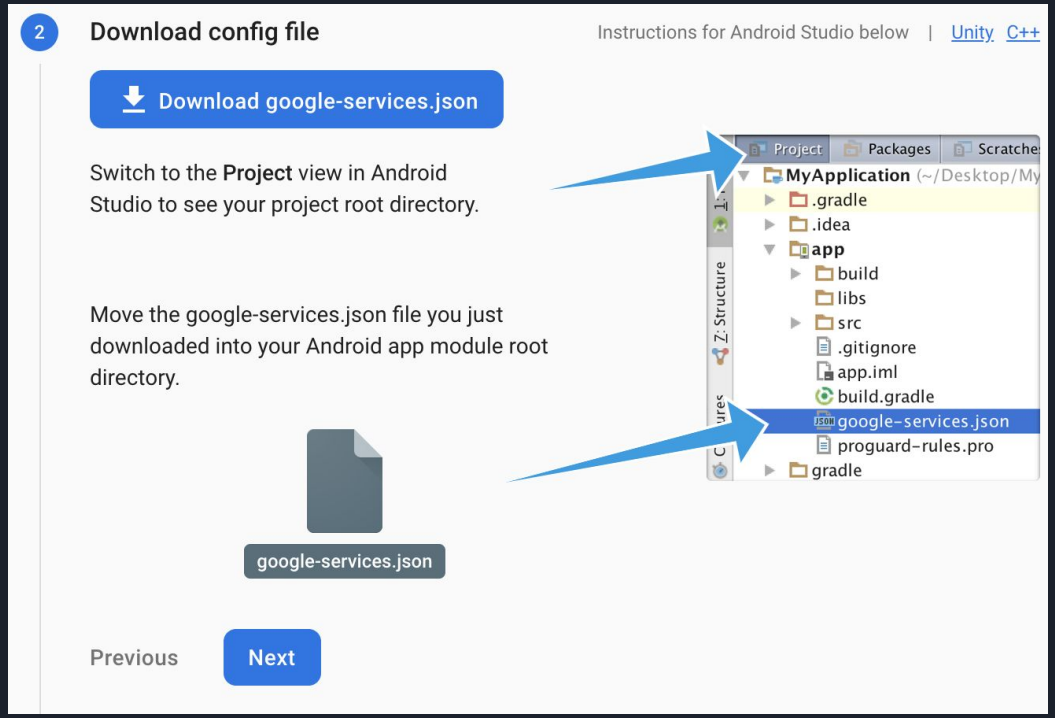


For the Android package name, look for applicationId in the App level build.gradle file

```
android {
    compileSdkVersion 29
    buildToolsVersion "29.0.2"

    defaultConfig {
        applicationId "com.example.introtoiot"
        minSdkVersion 21
        targetSdkVersion 29
        versionCode 1
        versionName "1.0"
```

3. Downloading the Service File



Download the google-services.json file and save it in under the app folder of the project.

4.1. Project level build.gradle file

```
buildscript {

    repositories {
        google()
        jcenter()

    }
    dependencies {
        classpath 'com.android.tools.build:gradle:3.6.0'

        // Google Services Plugin
        classpath 'com.google.gms:google-services:4.3.3'
    }
}

allprojects {
    repositories {
        google()
        jcenter()

    }
}
```

Verify the following three in Project level build.gradle file.

If it's not there, add it

4.2. App level build.gradle file

```
1  apply plugin: 'com.android.application'
2  apply plugin: 'com.google.gms.google-services'  // Google Services plugin
```

Add the Google Service Plugin on top of the App level build.gradle file.

4.3. App level build.gradle file

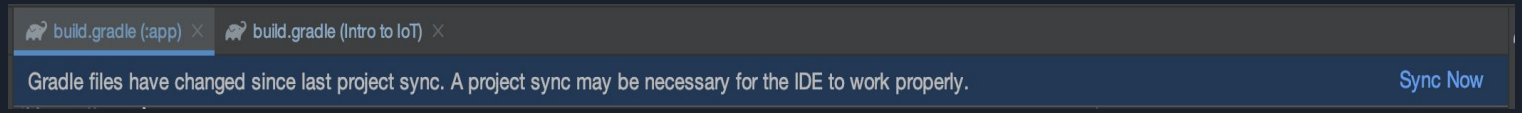
```
dependencies {
    implementation fileTree(dir: 'libs', include: ['*.jar'])

    implementation 'androidx.appcompat:appcompat:1.1.0'
    implementation 'androidx.constraintlayout:constraintlayout:1.1.3'
    testImplementation 'junit:junit:4.12'
    androidTestImplementation 'androidx.test.ext:junit:1.1.1'
    androidTestImplementation 'androidx.test.espresso:espresso-core:3.2.0'
    implementation 'androidx.gridlayout:gridlayout:1.0.0'


    implementation 'com.google.firebase:firebase-database:19.2.1'       // Realtime Database
    implementation 'com.google.firebase:firebase-analytics:17.2.2'      // Google Analytics
}
```

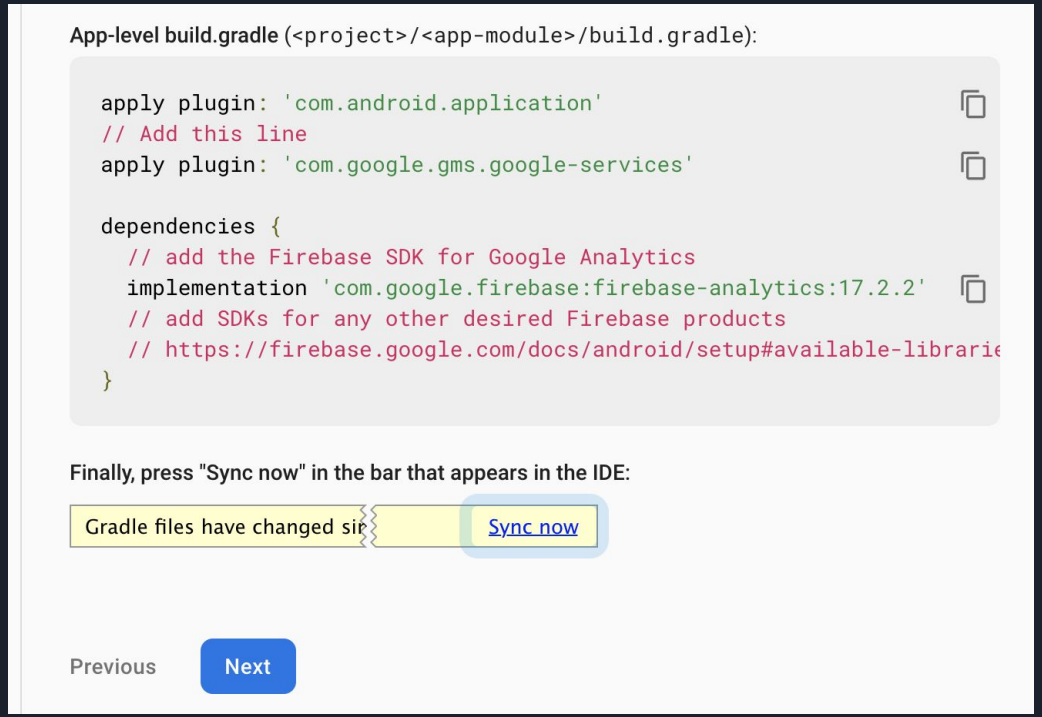
Add at least the Realtime-Database dependencies in the App level build.gradle file.

4.4. Sync Gradle Files



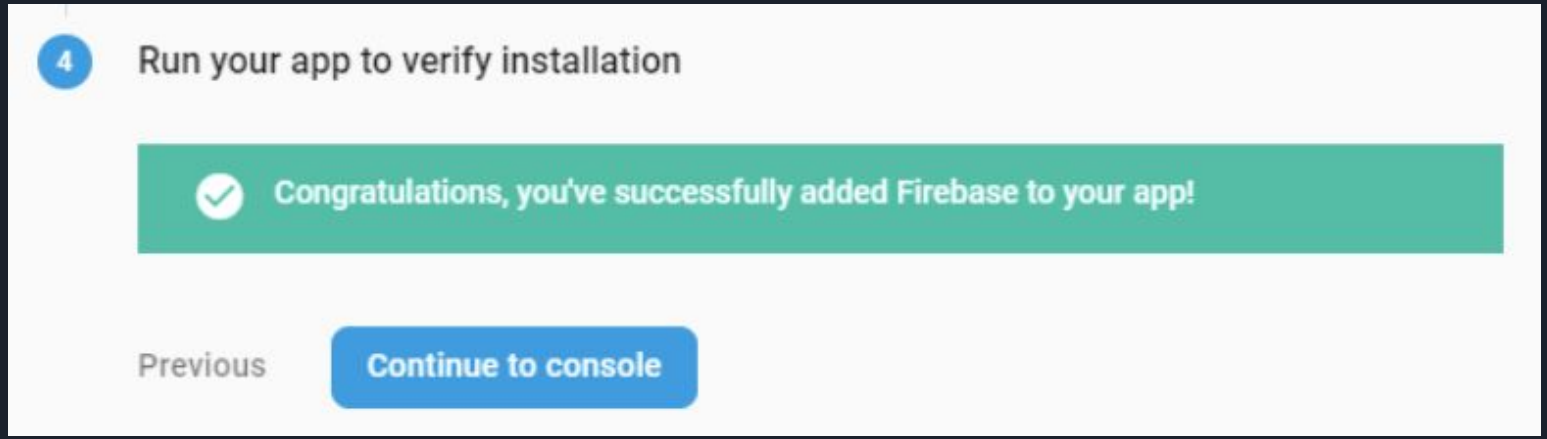
Sync the Gradle file with the Sync Now button that appears at the top of the IDE.

4.5. Finish Adding Firebase SDK



Click Next on the Firebase setup page.

5. Run App for Verification



Make sure Firebase is successfully added to the app before continuing to console

Using Firebase with Android Studio

Writing to Firebase Database

```
DatabaseReference myDatabase = FirebaseDatabase.getInstance( ).getReference( );
```

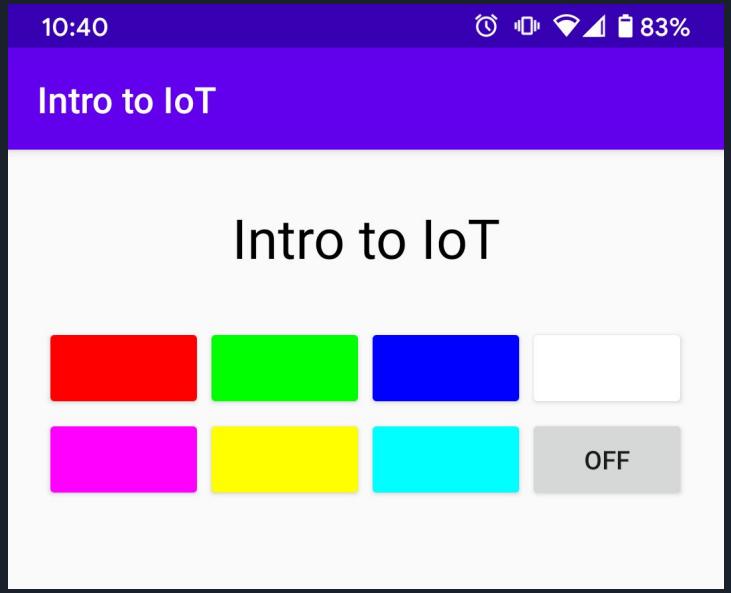
First: Create a database reference

```
myDatabase.child( “Users” ).child( “ECE 30” ).child( “email” ).setValue( “ece30@gmail.com” );
```

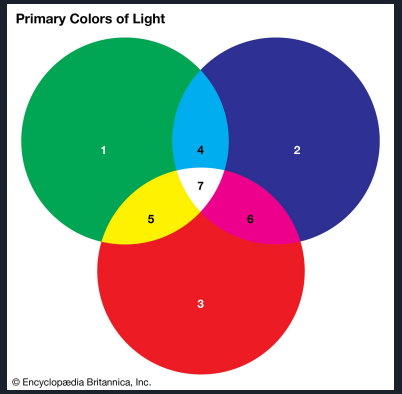
Then traverse through the tree to set the appropriate value

Link to the official documentation

Challenge 1: Saving Color Values



- Modify the onClick listener for the color buttons to save the appropriate color values for the button click
- Modify the existing color values for the choice of LED



Button Background Color

```
public void buttonClick(View v ){
    Button button = (Button) v;
    ColorStateList colorStateList =  button.getBackgroundTintList();
    if( colorStateList != null ){
        if(colorStateList.getDefaultColor() == ContextCompat.getColor( context: this, R.color.red) ){
            System.out.println("Button background color is RED!");
        }
    }
}
```

Use the following template to retrieve the background color of any View

Reading From Firebase Database

```
DatabaseReference myDatabase = FirebaseDatabase.getInstance( ).getReference( “path/to/ref” );
```

First: Create a database reference

```
myDatabase.addListenerForSingleValueEvent( new ValueEventListener( ) { .... } );
```

Then add a single value event listener to send a read request to the database

Link to the official documentation

DataSnapshot

```
@Override

public void onDataChange( @NonNull Datasnapshot dataSnapshot ) {

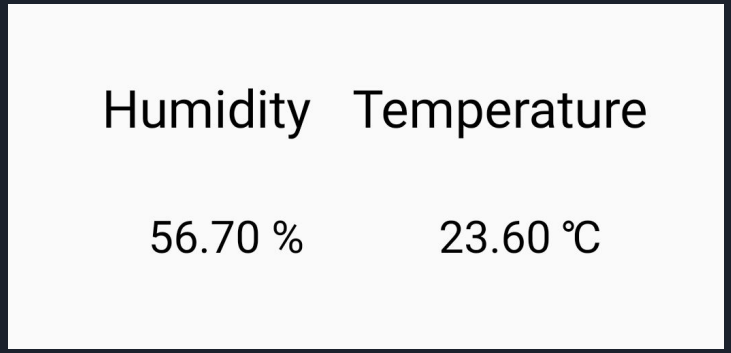
        String data = (String) dataSnapshot.getValue( );

        System.out.println( “Data = “ + data );

}
```

Link to the official documentation

Challenge: 2 Sensor TextField



- Modify the code so that humidity value gets updated as soon as the app launches
- Modify the code so that temperature value gets updated as soon as the app launches

Reading From Firebase Database

```
DatabaseReference myDatabase = FirebaseDatabase.getInstance( ).getReference( “path/to/ref” );
```

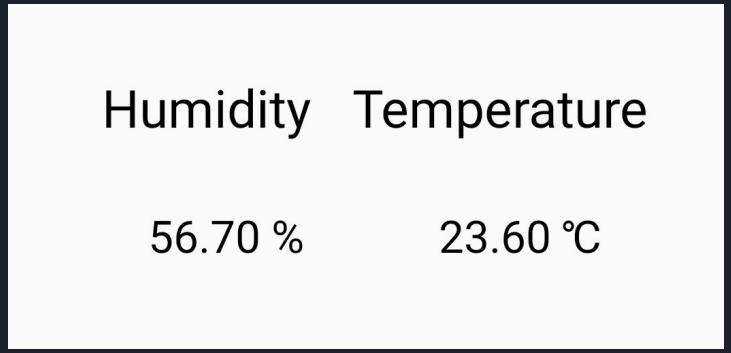
First: Create a database reference

```
myDatabase.addValueEventListener( new ValueEventListener( ) { .... } );
```

Then add a event listener for consistent updates to the database

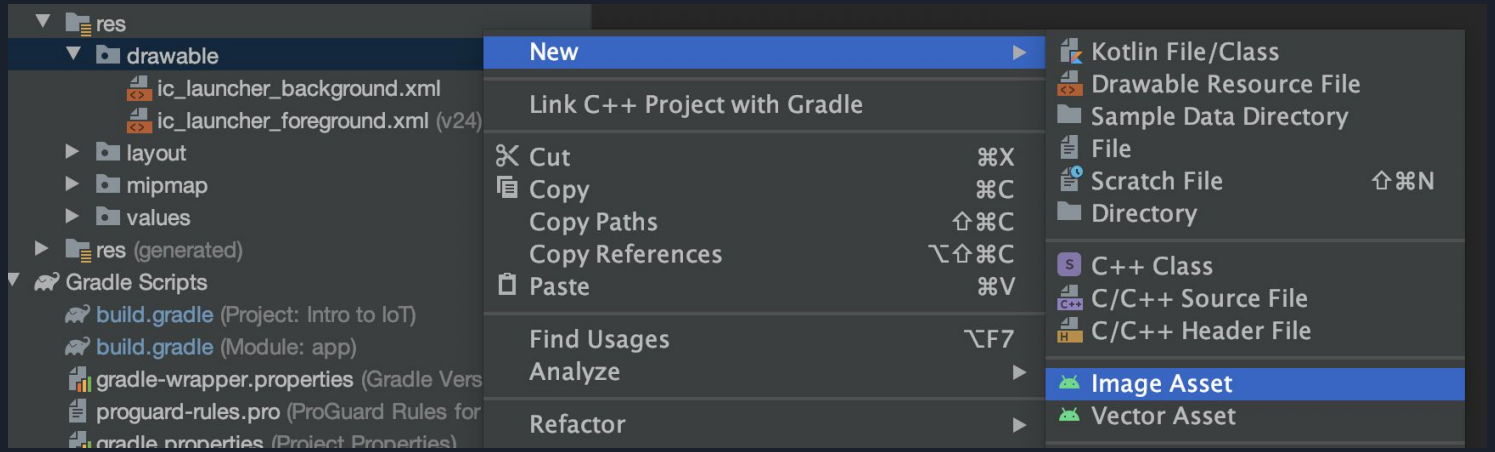
Link to the official documentation

Challenge 3: Sensor TextField Event Listener



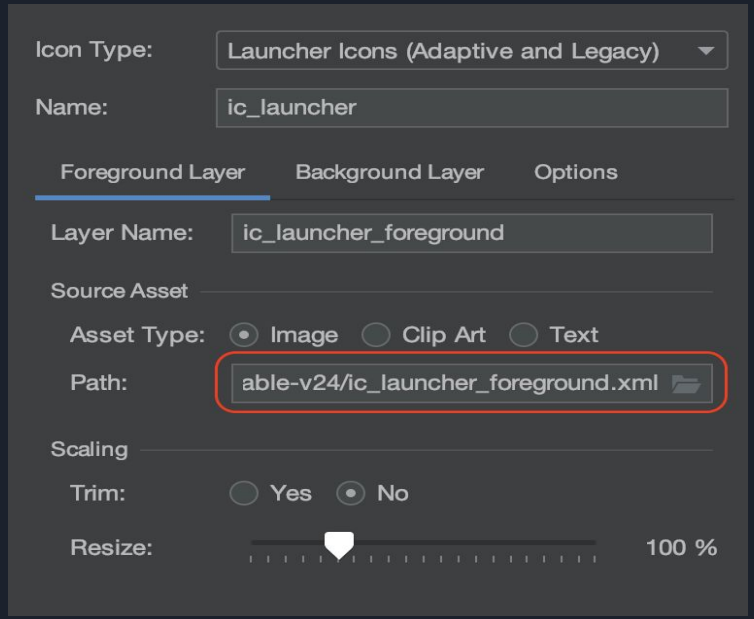
- Modify the code so that humidity value gets updated each time it's modified in the database
- Modify the code so that temperature value gets updated each time it's modified in the database

Updating App Icon



Right click on the Drawable folder under the Resources section. Click on New → Image Asset

Select the Icon



Select the Icon from your local machine

Customize the Foreground Layer

Customize the Background Layer

Customize anything else to your liking

Click Next → Click Finish

Link to a possible safe image

Questions?