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- ▶ In many occasions you will need a way to maintain your application data, which can be later accessed or altered.
- ▶ In that situation you possibly can make use of `SQLiteDatabase` in your application.



SQLite Database

- ▶ Android SQLite Database :
- ▶ Why SQLite for Android?
- ▶ SQLite is really a quick and compact android database technology which incorporates SQL syntax to create queries and also handle data.
- ▶ Android SDK by itself provides the SQLite support which without doubt making the setup as well as utilization process within our applications with no trouble



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- ▶ **Using SQL databases in Android.**
 - ▶ Android (as well as iPhoneOS) uses an embedded standalone program called **sqlite3 which can be used to:**
 - ▶ create a database,
 - ▶ define SQL tables,
 - ▶ queries,
 - ▶ views,
 - ▶ triggers
 - ▶ Insert rows,
 - ▶ delete rows,
 - ▶ change rows,
 - ▶ run queries and
 - ▶ administer a SQLitedatabase file.
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▶ **Using SQLite**

- ▶ 1.SQLite implements most of the SQL-92 standard for SQL.
- ▶ 2.It allows most complex queries
- ▶ 3.SQLite *does not implement referential integrity constraints through the foreign key constraint model.*
- ▶ 4.Instead of assigning a type to an entire column, types are assigned to individual values. This is similar to the *Variant type in Visual Basic.*
- ▶ 5.Therefore it is possible to insert a string into numeric column and so on.
- ▶ 6.Documentation on SQLite available at <http://www.sqlite.org/sqlite.html> Good GUI tool for SQLite available at: <http://sqliteadmin.orbmu2k.de/>



Syntax

SQL Select Syntax (see <http://www.sqlite.org/lang.html>)

SQL-select statements are based on the following components

select	field ₁ , field ₂ , ... , field _n
from	table ₁ , table ₂ , ... , table _n

where	(restriction-join-condition)
order by	field _{n1} , ..., field _{nm}
group by	field _{m1} , ... , field _{mk}
having	(group-condition)

The first two lines are mandatory, the rest is optional.



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SQL Select Syntax (see <http://www.sqlite.org/lang.html>)

Examples

```
select      LastName, cellPhone
from        ClientTable
where       state = 'Ohio'
order by    LastName
```

```
select      city, count(*) as TotalClients
from        ClientTable
group by    city
```

SQLiteHelper

- ▶ A helper class to manage database creation and version management.
- ▶ You create a subclass implementing `onCreate(SQLiteDatabase)`, `onUpgrade(SQLiteDatabase, int, int)` .
- ▶ This class takes care of opening the database if it exists, creating it if it does not, and upgrading it as necessary.
- ▶ Transactions are used to make sure the database is always in a sensible state.



Get Started

► SQLiteHelper

```
public class SQLiteHandler extends SQLiteOpenHelper {
    private static final String MYDATABASE = "mlabDb";
    private static final int VERSION = 1;
    private final String SAMPLE_TABLE_NAME = "trainees";
    protected Context context;
    public SQLiteHandler(final Context connection) {

        super(connection, MYDATABASE, null, VERSION);
        this.context = connection;

    }

    @Override
    public void onCreate(SQLiteDatabase db) {
        db.execSQL("CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS " +
            SAMPLE_TABLE_NAME + " (LastName VARCHAR, FirstName VARCHAR, RedId INT(3));");
    }

    @Override
    public void onUpgrade(SQLiteDatabase db, int arg1, int arg2) {
        // db.execSQL("DROP TABLE IF EXIST o");
        // onCreate(db);
    }
}
```

INSERT

- ▶ Before inserting data in a table, you have to create the table first.

```
sampleDB.execSQL("CREATE TABLE IF NOT EXISTS " +  
    SAMPLE_TABLE_NAME + " (LastName VARCHAR, Fi  
  
sampleDB.execSQL("INSERT INTO " +  
    SAMPLE_TABLE_NAME +  
    " Values ('"+getlastname+"', '"+getfirstnam
```



Comments

- ▶ The field **recID** is defined as **PRIMARY KEY** of the table.
- ▶ The database data types are very simple, for instance we will use: ***text, varchar, integer, float, numeric, date, time, timestamp, blob, boolean, and so on.***
- ▶ In general, any well-formed SQL action command (insert, delete, update, create, drop, alter, etc.) could be framed inside an **execSQL(...)** method.
- ▶ You should make the call to `execSQL` inside of a try-catch-finally block. Be aware of potential ***SQLiteExceptions*** situations thrown by the method.



Selecting Data

- ▶ This follows the SELECT SQL syntax,

```
final Cursor c = sampleDB.rawQuery("SELECT FirstName, LastName, RedId FROM " +  
    SAMPLE_TABLE_NAME +  
    " where RedId = '" + a + "'", null);
```



SELECT Code

- ▶ This code places data in textview defined in XML

```
sampleDB = this.openOrCreateDatabase(SAMPLE_DB_NAME, MODE_PRIVATE, null);
final TextView viewdata = (TextView) findViewById(R.id.tvresults);
final Cursor c = sampleDB.rawQuery("SELECT FirstName, LastName, RedId FROM " +
    SAMPLE_TABLE_NAME +
    " where RedId = '" + a + "'", null);

if (c != null) {
    if (c.moveToFirst()) {
        do {
            viewdata.setText("");
            final String firstName = c.getString(c.getColumnIndex("FirstName"));
            final String lastName = c.getString(c.getColumnIndex("LastName"));
            final int regid = c.getInt(c.getColumnIndex("RedId"));
            viewdata.append("FirstName: " + firstName + ",\n\nLastName: " + lastName);
        } while (c.moveToNext());
    }
}
```



Content Providers

- ▶ Content providers manage access to a structured set of data.
- ▶ They summarize the data, and provide mechanisms for accessing the information.
- ▶ Content providers are the standard interface that connects data in one process with code running in another process.



Content Providers

- ▶ When you want to access data in a content provider, you use the ContentResolver object in your application's Context to communicate with the provider as a client.
- ▶ The ContentResolver object communicates with the provider object, an instance of a class that implements ContentProvider.
- ▶ The provider object receives data requests from clients, performs the requested action, and returns the results.



Content Providers

- ▶ Android itself includes content providers that manage data such as audio, video, images, and personal contact information.
- ▶ You can see some of them listed in the reference documentation for the [android.provider](#) package.
- ▶ With some restrictions, these providers are accessible to any Android application.



Content Providers

- ▶ **Content Provider Basics**

- ▶ How to access data in a content provider when the data is organized in tables.

- ▶ **Creating a Content Provider**

- ▶ How to create your own content provider.

- ▶ **Calendar Provider**

- ▶ How to access the Calendar Provider that is part of the Android platform. – using SQLite

- ▶ **Contacts Provider**

- ▶ How to access the Contacts Provider that is part of the Android platform



Content Providers

- ▶ The following are some of the content provider uris.
- ▶ `content://sms/inbox` URI messages from the inbox
- ▶ `content://media/internal/images` URI return the list of all internal images on the device.
- ▶ `content://contacts/people/` URI return the list of all contact names on the device.
- ▶ `content://contacts/people/45` URI return the single result row, the contact with ID=45.
- ▶ *Find Example Attached*



Assignment

- ▶ Create a content provider to view phone contacts.

