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Mobile Application Development Lecture 6

Outline

Content Providers

SQLite DB

Firebase

Location

Recap:

Android Application Anatomy

Activities

1. Provides **User Interface**
2. Usually represents a **Single Screen**
3. Can contain one/more **Views**
4. **Extends** the **Activity** Base class

Services

1. **No User Interface**
2. Runs in **Background**
3. **Extends** the **Service** Base Class

Application= Set of Android Components

Intent/Broadcast Receiver

1. Receives and Reacts to broadcast **Intents**
2. No UI but **can start** an Activity
3. **Extends** the **BroadcastReceiver** Base Class

Content Provider

1. Makes application data available to other apps
2. Data stored in SQLite database
3. **Extends** the **ContentProvider** Base class

Content Providers

- Goal is to provide a mechanism to access data within and across applications.
- The CP's encapsulate and give a scheme for implementing security
- Abstract so the storage system may change but your apps don't have to
 - Eg. Using a different storage type or DB provider

Overview diagram of how content providers manage access to storage.

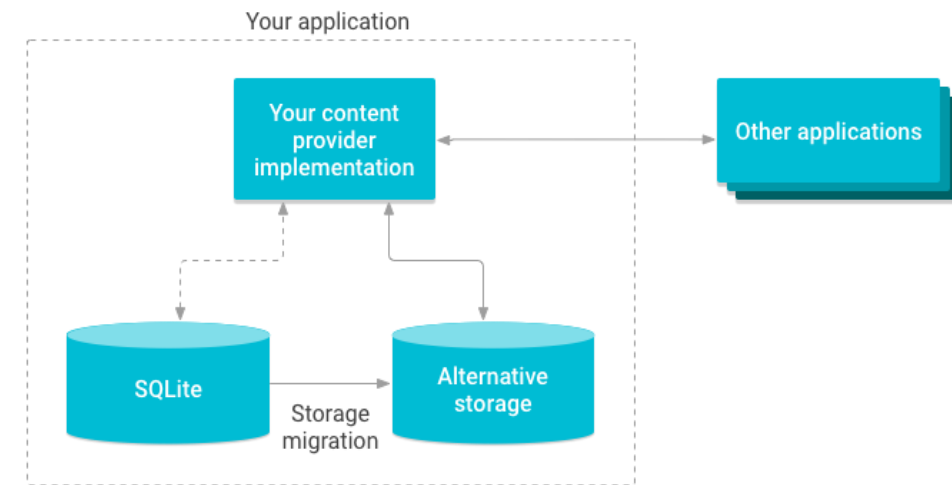
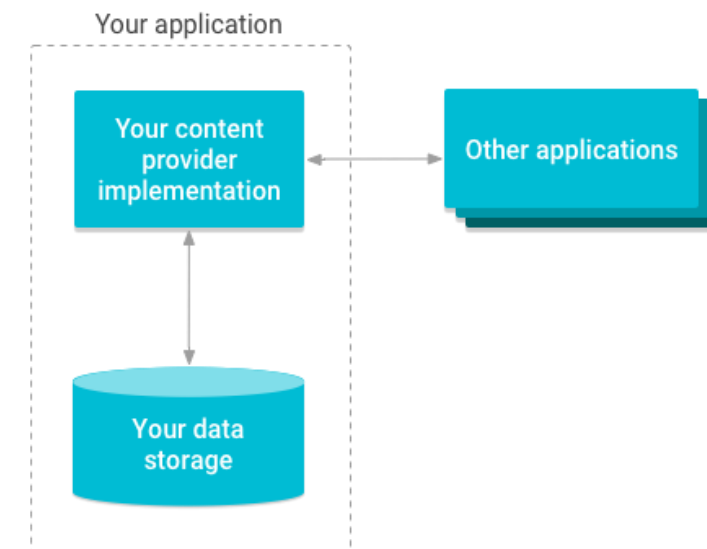


Illustration of migrating content provider storage.

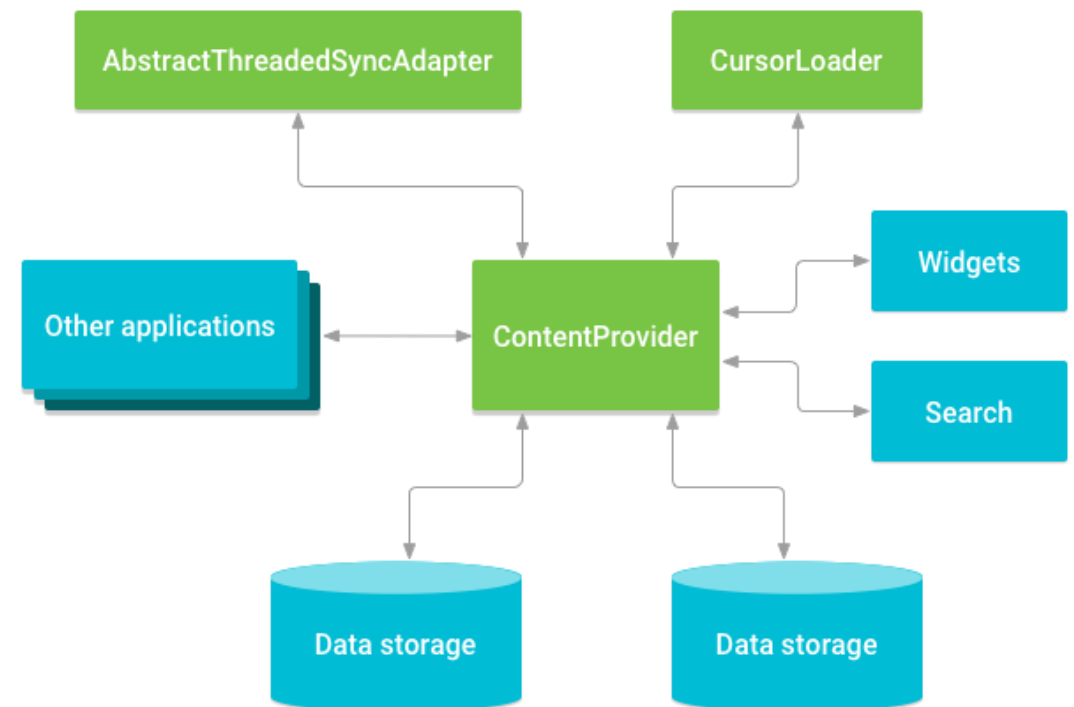


Content Providers

A content provider coordinates access to the data storage layer in your application for a number of different APIs and components.

Sharing access to your application data with other applications

- Sending data to a widget
- Returning custom search suggestions for your application through the search framework using `SearchRecentSuggestionsProvider`
- Synchronizing application data with your server using an implementation of `AbstractThreadedSyncAdapter`
- Loading data in your UI using a `CursorLoader`

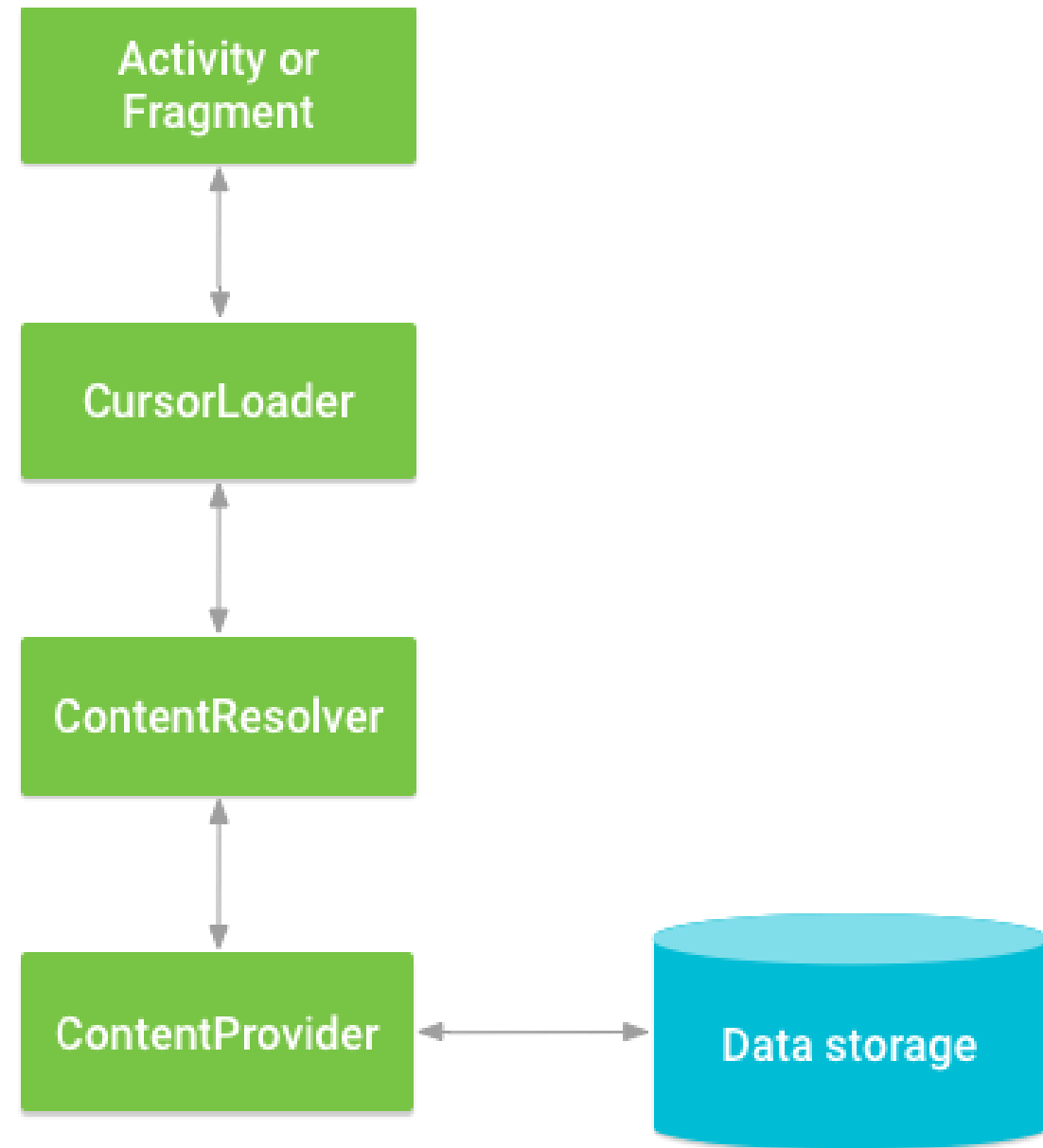


Accessing a provider

A common pattern for accessing a ContentProvider from your UI uses a CursorLoader to run an asynchronous query in the background.

The Activity or Fragment in your UI call a CursorLoader to the query, which in turn gets the ContentProvider using the ContentResolver.

This allows the UI to continue to be available to the user while the query is running.



Some Default Content Providers

- browser
- call log
- contacts
- mediastore
- settings
- userdictionary

Full list in the android.provider package:
<http://developer.android.com/reference/android/provider/package-summary.html>

What's inside a content provider? (structure - typical)

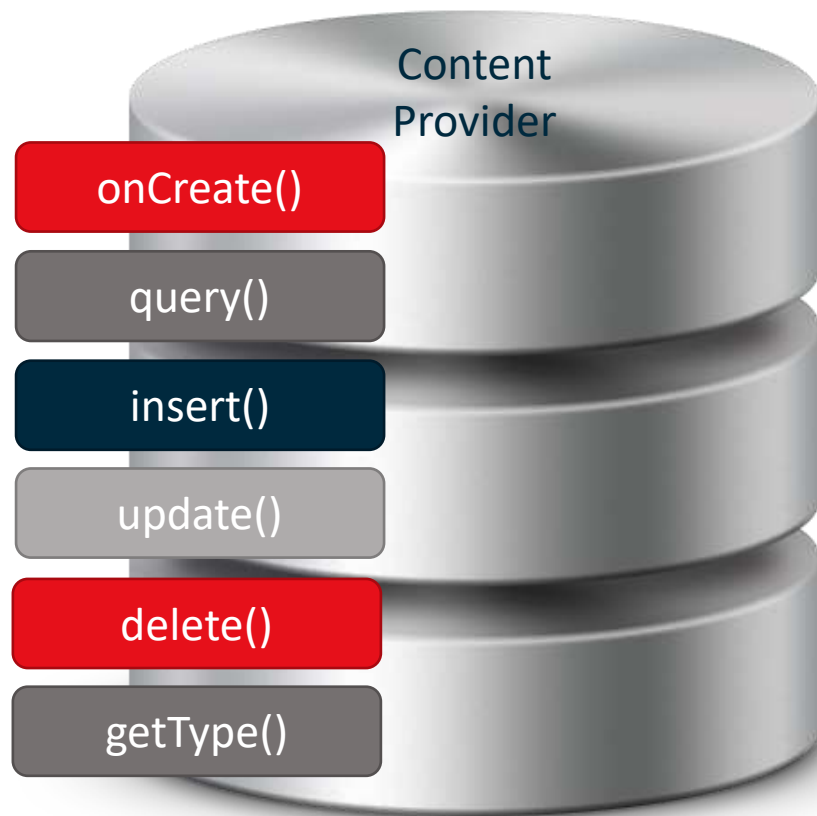
One of the built-in providers in the Android platform is the user dictionary, which stores the spellings of non-standard words that the user wants to keep. The table illustrates what the data might look like in this provider's table:

- a table: a collection of rows
- like a relational database tables but fewer constraints

Sample user dictionary table.

word	app id	frequency	locale	_ID
mapreduce	user1	100	en_US	1
precompiler	user14	200	fr_FR	2
applet	user2	225	fr_CA	3
const	user1	255	pt_BR	4
int	user5	100	en_UK	5

What can we do with a content provider? (operations)



The primary methods that need to be implemented are:

- `onCreate()` which is called to initialize the provider
- `query(Uri, String[], String, String[], String)` which returns data to the caller
- `insert(Uri, ContentValues)` which inserts new data into the content provider
- `update(Uri, ContentValues, String, String[])` which updates existing data in the content provider
- `delete(Uri, String, String[])` which deletes data from the content provider
- `getType(Uri)` which returns the MIME type of data in the content provider

Getting data via query()

To retrieve data from a provider, follow these basic steps:

1. Request the read access permission for the provider.
2. Define the code that sends a query to the provider.

1. Requesting read access permission

To retrieve data from a provider, your application needs "read access permission" for the provider. You can't request this permission at run-time; instead, you have to specify that you need this permission in your manifest, using the **<uses-permission>** element and the exact permission name defined by the provider.

E.g. The User Dictionary Provider defines the permission `android.permission.READ_USER_DICTIONARY` in its manifest file, so an application that wants to read from the provider must request this permission.

```
<uses-permission android:name="android.permission.READ_USER_DICTIONARY">
```

Getting data via query()

query(Uri,projection,selection,selectionArgs,sortOrder)

2. Define the code that sends a query to the provider

The next step in retrieving data from a provider is to construct a query. This first snippet defines some variables for accessing the User Dictionary Provider:

```
// A "projection" defines the columns that will be returned for each row
String[] mProjection =
{
    UserDictionary.Words._ID, // Contract class constant for the _ID column name
    UserDictionary.Words.WORD, // Contract class constant for the word column name
    UserDictionary.Words.LOCALE // Contract class constant for the locale column name
};

// Defines a string to contain the selection clause
String selectionClause = null;

// Initializes an array to contain selection arguments
String[] selectionArgs = {""};
```

Getting data via query()

query(Uri,projection,selection,selectionArgs,sortOrder)

query(..) returns a cursor, representing a result set

query() argument	SELECT keyword/parameter	Notes
Uri	FROM table_name	Uri maps to the table in the provider named table_name. <i>content://authority/optionalPath/optionalId</i>
projection	col,col,col,...	projection is an array of columns that should be included for each row retrieved.
selection	WHERE col = value	selection specifies the criteria for selecting rows.
selectionArgs	(No exact equivalent. Selection arguments replace ? placeholders in the selection clause.)	
sortOrder	ORDER BY col,col,...	sortOrder specifies the order in which rows appear in the returned <u>Cursor</u> .

Displaying query results

The `ContentResolver.query()` client method always returns a `Cursor` containing the columns specified by the query's projection for the rows that match the query's selection criteria.

A `Cursor` object provides random read access to the rows and columns it contains. Using `Cursor` methods, you can iterate over the rows in the results, determine the data type of each column, get the data out of a column, and examine other properties of the results.

- If no rows match the selection criteria, the provider returns a `Cursor` object for which **`Cursor.getCount()` is 0** (an empty cursor).
- If an internal error occurs, the results of the query depend on the particular provider. It may choose to return **`null`**, or it may throw an **`Exception`**.
- Since a `Cursor` is a "list" of rows, a good way to display the contents of a `Cursor` is to link it to a `ListView` via a `SimpleCursorAdapter`.

Displaying query results

// Defines a list of columns to retrieve from the Cursor and load into an output row

```
String[] wordListColumns =  
{  
    UserDictionary.Words.WORD, // Contract class constant containing the word column name  
    UserDictionary.Words.LOCALE // Contract class constant containing the locale column name  
};
```

// Defines a list of View IDs that will receive the Cursor columns for each row

```
int[] wordListItems = { R.id.dictWord, R.id.locale};
```

// Creates a new SimpleCursorAdapter

```
cursorAdapter = new SimpleCursorAdapter(  
    getApplicationContext(), // The application's Context object  
    R.layout.wordlistrow, // A layout in XML for one row in the ListView  
    mCursor, // The result from the query  
    wordListColumns, // A string array of column names in the cursor  
    wordListItems, // An integer array of view IDs in the row layout  
    0); // Flags (usually none are needed)
```

// Sets the adapter for the ListView

```
wordList.setAdapter(cursorAdapter);
```

the method insert(..)

```
// Defines a new Uri object that receives the result of the insertion
Uri newUri;

...

// Defines an object to contain the new values to insert
ContentValues newValues = new ContentValues();

/*
 * Sets the values of each column and inserts the word. The arguments to the "put"
 * method are "column name" and "value"
 */
newValues.put(UserDictionary.Words.APP_ID, "example.user");
newValues.put(UserDictionary.Words.LOCALE, "en_US");
newValues.put(UserDictionary.Words.WORD, "insert");
newValues.put(UserDictionary.Words.FREQUENCY, "100");

newUri = getContentResolver().insert(
    UserDictionary.Words.CONTENT_URI, // the user dictionary content URI
    newValues                          // the values to insert
);
```

The content URI returned in newUri identifies the newly-added row, with the following format:

```
content://user_dictionary/words/<id_value>
```

To get the value of _ID from the returned Uri, call ContentUris.parseId().

the method update(..)

To update a row, you use a ContentValues object with the updated values just as you do with an insertion, and selection criteria just as you do with a query.

- The client method you use is ContentResolver.update().
- You only need to add values to the ContentValues object for columns you're updating.
- If you want to clear the contents of a column, set the value to null.
- You should also sanitize user input when you call ContentResolver.update().

```
// Defines an object to contain the updated values
ContentValues updateValues = new ContentValues();

// Defines selection criteria for the rows you want to update
String selectionClause = UserDictionary.Words.LOCALE + " LIKE ?";
String[] selectionArgs = {"en_%"};

// Defines a variable to contain the number of updated rows
int rowsUpdated = 0;

...
/*
 * Sets the updated value and updates the selected words.
 */
updateValues.putNull(UserDictionary.Words.LOCALE);

rowsUpdated = getContentResolver().update(
    UserDictionary.Words.CONTENT_URI, // the user dictionary content URI
    updateValues,                      // the columns to update
    selectionClause,                  // the column to select on
    selectionArgs                     // the value to compare to
);
```


the method delete(..)

Deleting rows is similar to retrieving row data.

- Specify selection criteria for the rows you want to delete
- The client method returns the number of deleted rows
- You should also sanitize user input when you call `ContentResolver.delete()`.

```
// Defines selection criteria for the rows you want to delete
String selectionClause = UserDictionary.Words.APP_ID + " LIKE ?";
String[] selectionArgs = {"user"};

// Defines a variable to contain the number of rows deleted
int rowsDeleted = 0;

...

// Deletes the words that match the selection criteria
rowsDeleted = getContentResolver().delete(
    UserDictionary.Words.CONTENT_URI, // the user dictionary content URI
    selectionClause,                    // the column to select on
    selectionArgs                       // the value to compare to
);
```

Calendar example

[https://developer.android.com/guide/topics/
providers/calendar-provider](https://developer.android.com/guide/topics/providers/calendar-provider)

Create a Content Provider

Suppose you have or want to create data store, storing rows of data, files (e.g., images), or heterogenous data objects (BLOBS), and want to make that available for access, then?

- Create a class that implements `ContentProvider`
- Implement required methods
- Amend manifest

<code>query()</code>	Retrieve data from your provider. Use the arguments to select the table to query, the rows and columns to return, and the sort order of the result. Return the data as a Cursor object.
<code>insert()</code>	Insert a new row into your provider. Use the arguments to select the destination table and to get the column values to use. Return a content URI for the newly-inserted row.
<code>update()</code>	Update existing rows in your provider. Use the arguments to select the table and rows to update and to get the updated column values. Return the number of rows updated.
<code>delete()</code>	Delete rows from your provider. Use the arguments to select the table and the rows to delete. Return the number of rows deleted.
<code>getType()</code>	Return the MIME type corresponding to a content URI. This method is described in more detail in the section Implementing content provider MIME types .
<code>onCreate()</code>	Initialize your provider. The Android system calls this method immediately after it creates your provider. Notice that your provider is not created until a <code>ContentResolver</code> object tries to access it.

Demo

```
public class ExampleProvider extends ContentProvider

    // Defines a handle to the Room database
    private AppDatabase appDatabase;

    // Defines a Data Access Object to perform the database operations
    private UserDao userDao;

    // Defines the database name
    private static final String DBNAME = "mydb";

    public boolean onCreate() {

        // Creates a new database object.
        appDatabase = Room.databaseBuilder(getContext(), AppDatabase.class, DBNAME).build();

        // Gets a Data Access Object to perform the database operations
        userDao = appDatabase.getUserDao();

        return true;
    }
    ...
    // Implements the provider's insert method
    public Cursor insert(Uri uri, ContentValues values) {
        // Insert code here to determine which DAO to use when inserting data, handle error conditions, etc.
    }
}
```

Storing your own persistent data on an Android Device

- App-specific storage: Store files that are meant for your app's use only, either in dedicated directories within an internal storage volume or different dedicated directories within external storage. Use the directories within internal storage to save sensitive information that other apps shouldn't access.
- Shared storage: Store files that your app intends to share with other apps, including media, documents, and other files.
- Preferences: Store private, primitive data in key-value pairs.
- Databases: Store structured data in a private database using the Room persistence library.

Storing your own persistent data on an Android Device

	Type of content	Access method	Permissions needed	Can other apps access?	Files removed on app uninstall?
<u>App-specific files</u>	Files meant for your app's use only	From internal storage, <code>getFilesDir()</code> or <code>getCacheDir()</code> From external storage, <code>getExternalFilesDir()</code> or <code>getExternalCacheDir()</code>	Never needed for internal storage Not needed for external storage when your app is used on devices that run Android 4.4 (API level 19) or higher	No, if files are in a directory within internal storage Yes, if files are in a directory within external storage	Yes
<u>Media</u>	Shareable media files (images, audio files, videos)	MediaStore API	READ_EXTERNAL_STORAGE or WRITE_EXTERNAL_STORAGE when accessing other apps' files on Android 10 (API level 29) or higher Permissions are required for all files on Android 9 (API level 28) or lower	Yes, though the other app needs the READ_EXTERNAL_STORAGE permission	No
<u>Documents and other files</u>	Other types of shareable content, including downloaded files	Storage Access Framework	None	Yes, through the system file picker	No
<u>App preferences</u>	Key-value pairs	<u>Jetpack</u> Preferences library	None	No	Yes
Database	Structured data	<u>Room</u> persistence library	None	No	Yes

Shared Preferences

- Information stored as a set of attributes (or keys) and values (basic types such as ints, floats, strings, etc)
- Default preference values can be stored in an XML document
- Shared preference key-value pairs stored in an XML file in the application's "data" subdirectory

Write shared preferences

```
// Storing data into SharedPreferences

SharedPreferences sharedPreferences = getSharedPreferences("MySharedPref", MODE_PRIVATE);

// Creating an Editor object to edit(write to the file)

SharedPreferences.Editor myEdit = sharedPreferences.edit();

// Storing the key and its value as the data fetched from editText

myEdit.putString( "name", name.getText().toString());
myEdit.putInt( "age", Integer.parseInt(age.getText().toString()));

// Once the changes have been made, we need to apply those changes made, otherwise, it will throw an error

myEdit.apply();
```


Read shared preferences

```
// Retrieving the value using its keys the file name must be same in both saving and retrieving the data

SharedPreferences sh
    = getSharedPreferences("MySharedPref", MODE_PRIVATE);

// The value will be default as empty string because for the very first time when the app is opened,there is nothing to show

String s1 = sh.getString("name", "");
int a = sh.getInt("age", 0);

// We can then use the data

name.setText(s1);
age.setText(String.valueOf(a));
```



Shared preferences example

<https://github.com/latrobe-cs-educator/CSE2MAD> Lecture6 SharedPrefExample

App Specific Storage - Internal

Store files that are meant for your app's use only, either in dedicated directories within an internal storage volume or different dedicated directories within external storage. Use the directories within internal storage to save sensitive information that other apps shouldn't access.

You can use the File API to access and store files:

```
File file = new File(context.getFilesDir(), filename);
```

App Specific Storage - External

If internal storage doesn't provide enough space to store app-specific files, consider using external storage instead. The system provides directories within external storage where an app can organize files that provide value to the user only within your app.

- One directory is designed for your app's persistent files, and another contains your app's cached files.
- The files stored in these directories are removed when your app is uninstalled.

Caution: The files in these directories aren't guaranteed to be accessible, such as when a removable SD card is taken out of the device. If your app's functionality depends on these files, you should instead store the files within internal storage.

App Specific Storage - External

To access the different locations, call **ContextCompat.getExternalFilesDirs()**. As shown in the code snippet, the first element in the returned array is considered the primary external storage volume. Use this volume unless it's full or unavailable.

```
File[] externalStorageVolumes =  
    ContextCompat.getExternalFilesDirs(getApplicationContext(), null);  
File primaryExternalStorage = externalStorageVolumes[0];
```

To access app-specific files from external storage, call `getExternalFilesDir()`, as shown in the following code snippet:

```
File appSpecificExternalDir = new File(context.getExternalFilesDir(), filename);
```

SQLite

Saving data to a database is ideal for repeating or structured data, such as contact information.

- Key classes: SQLiteOpenHelper and SQLiteDatabase

```
DatabaseHelper dbh;  
SQLiteDatabase db = dbh.getWritableDatabase();  
  
db.insert(...);  
  
db.query(...);  
  
db.delete(...)
```



Query database

```
SQLiteDatabase db = dbHelper.getReadableDatabase();

// Define a projection that specifies which columns from the database
// you will actually use after this query.
String[] projection = {
    BaseColumns._ID,
    FeedEntry.COLUMN_NAME_TITLE,
    FeedEntry.COLUMN_NAME_SUBTITLE
};

// Filter results WHERE "title" = 'My Title'
String selection = FeedEntry.COLUMN_NAME_TITLE + " = ?";
String[] selectionArgs = { "My Title" };

// How you want the results sorted in the resulting Cursor
String sortOrder =
    FeedEntry.COLUMN_NAME_SUBTITLE + " DESC";

Cursor cursor = db.query(
    FeedEntry.TABLE_NAME, // The table to query
    projection,           // The array of columns to return (pass null to get all)
    selection,             // The columns for the WHERE clause
    selectionArgs,         // The values for the WHERE clause
    null,                 // don't group the rows
    null,                 // don't filter by row groups
    sortOrder              // The sort order
);
```


Query database

```
public Cursor query (String table, String[] columns, String selection, String[] selectionArgs, String  
groupBy, String having, String orderBy, String limit)
```

Since: API Level 1

Query the given table, returning a `Cursor` over the result set.

Parameters

<i>table</i>	The table name to compile the query against.
<i>columns</i>	A list of which columns to return. Passing null will return all columns, which is discouraged to prevent reading data from storage that isn't going to be used.
<i>selection</i>	A filter declaring which rows to return, formatted as an SQL WHERE clause (excluding the WHERE itself). Passing null will return all rows for the given table.
<i>selectionArgs</i>	You may include ?s in selection, which will be replaced by the values from selectionArgs, in order that they appear in the selection. The values will be bound as Strings.
<i>groupBy</i>	A filter declaring how to group rows, formatted as an SQL GROUP BY clause (excluding the GROUP BY itself). Passing null will cause the rows to not be grouped.
<i>having</i>	A filter declare which row groups to include in the cursor, if row grouping is being used, formatted as an SQL HAVING clause (excluding the HAVING itself). Passing null will cause all row groups to be included, and is required when row grouping is not being used.
<i>orderBy</i>	How to order the rows, formatted as an SQL ORDER BY clause (excluding the ORDER BY itself). Passing null will use the default sort order, which may be unordered.
<i>limit</i>	Limits the number of rows returned by the query, formatted as LIMIT clause. Passing null denotes no LIMIT clause.

Returns

A `Cursor` object, which is positioned before the first entry. Note that `Cursors` are not synchronized, see the documentation for more details.

See Also

[Cursor](#)



SQLite example

https://github.com/latrobe-cs-educator/CSE2MAD_Lecture6_SQLiteDemo

Firebase

- Mobile and web application platform to handle back-end application support (i.e. server side)
- Owned by Google since 2014



Cloud Firestore
Store and sync app data at global scale



Firebase ML BETA
Machine learning for mobile developers



Cloud Functions
Run mobile backend code without managing servers



Authentication
Authenticate users simply and securely



Hosting
Deliver web app assets with speed and security



Cloud Storage
Store and serve files at Google scale



Realtime Database
Store and sync app data in milliseconds



Crashlytics
Prioritize and fix issues with powerful, realtime crash reporting



Performance Monitoring
Gain insight into your app's performance



Test Lab
Test your app on devices hosted by Google



App Distribution BETA
Distribute pre-release versions of your app to your trusted testers



In-App Messaging BETA
Engage active app users with contextual messages



Google Analytics
Get free and unlimited app analytics



Predictions
Smart user segmentation based on predicted behavior



A/B Testing BETA
Optimize your app experience through experimentation



Cloud Messaging
Send targeted messages and notifications



Remote Config
Modify your app without deploying a new version



Dynamic Links
Drive growth by using deep links with attribution

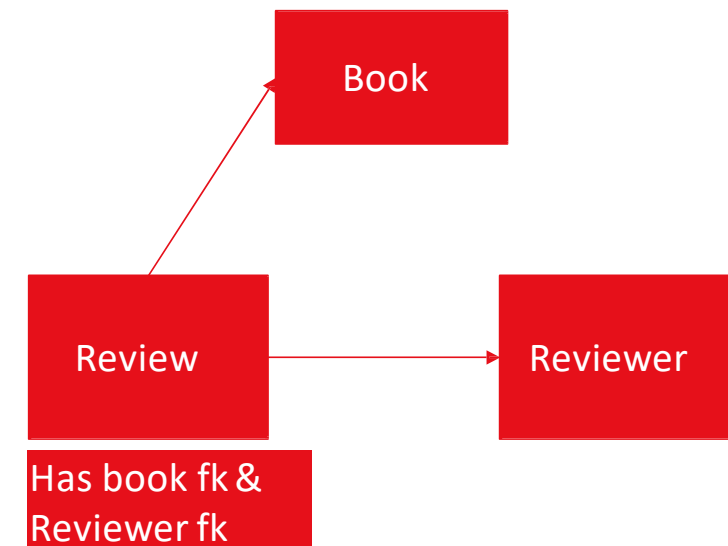
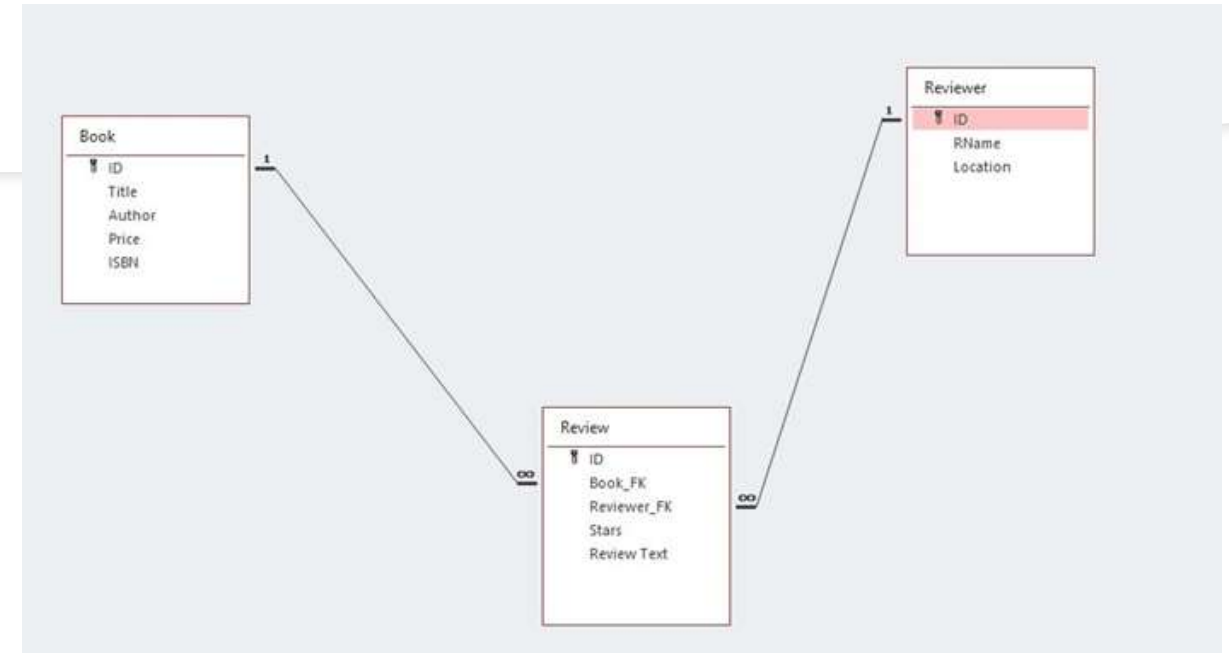


Firestore

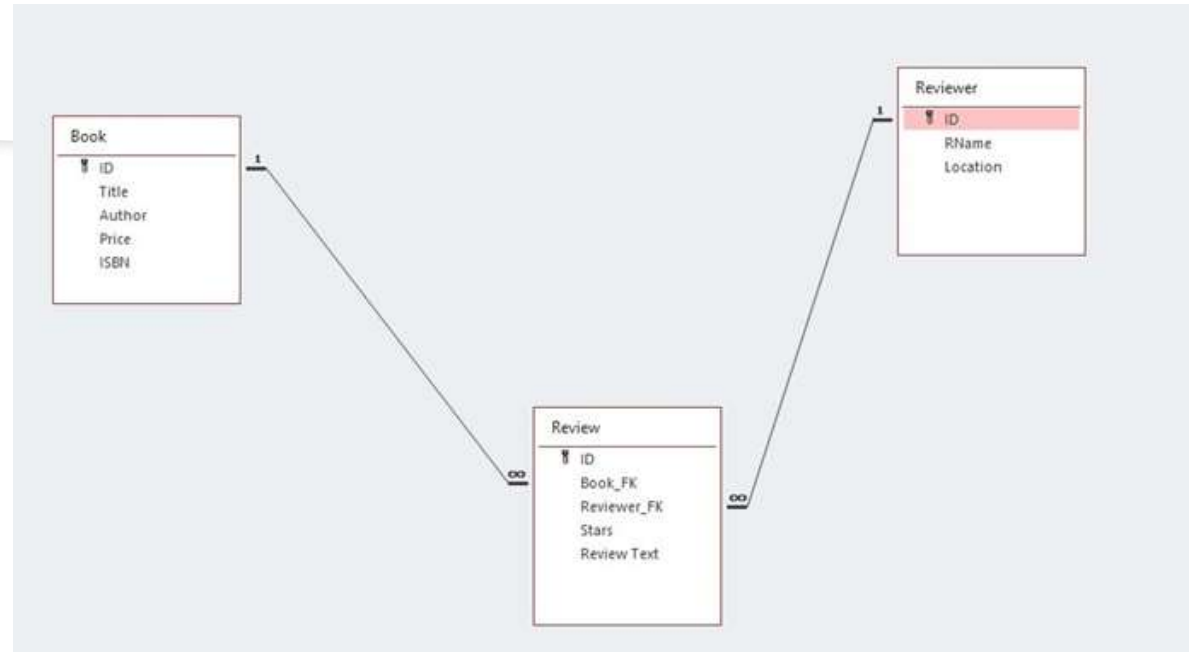
- Firestore is a flexible, scalable, realtime database. It's simple enough for rapid prototyping yet scalable and flexible enough to grow with you to any size.
- Firestore is a realtime database, meaning that clients can listen to data in Firestore and be notified in real time as it changes. This feature lets you build responsive apps that work regardless of network latency or Internet connectivity.
- Firestore is a cloud-hosted NoSQL database. You store data in documents, which contain fields mapping to values. These documents are stored in collections, which are simply containers that help you organize and query your documents. You can learn more about the data model in the [Structuring Data](#) documentation.

SQL Databases

- In SQL, an object is represented as a table
- Object association is done by adding foreign keys to the table to reference the other object
- SQL has a schema
 - Rules for the table { columns and their data types }
- E.g. for a book retailer
 - A book has a review supplied by a reviewer



SQL Way

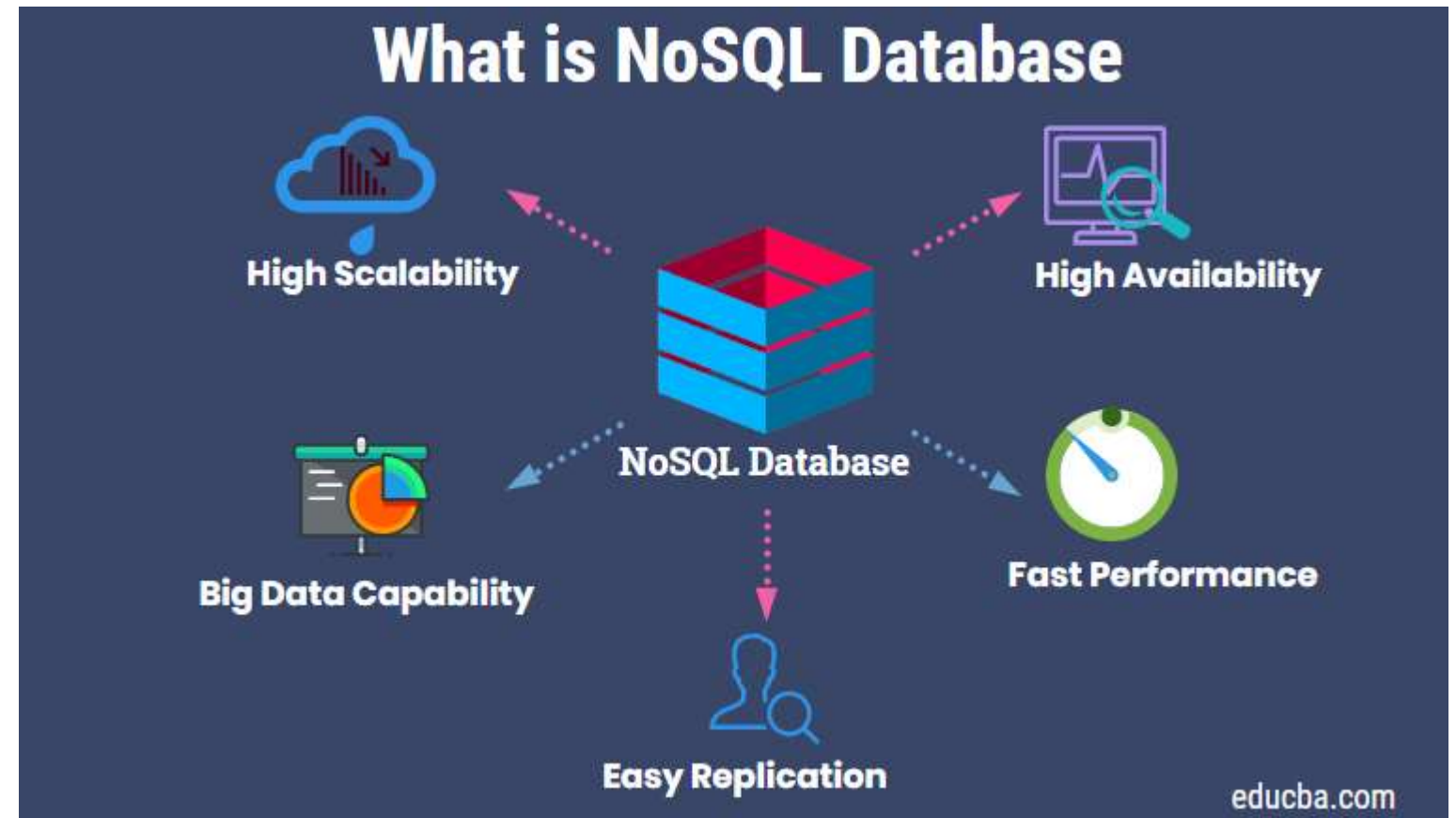


```
SELECT Book.Title, Book.Author, Book.Price, Book.ISBN, Review.Stars, Review.[Review Text], Reviewer.RName, Reviewer.Location, Book.ID
FROM Reviewer INNER JOIN (Book INNER JOIN Review ON Book.ID = Review.Book_FK) ON Reviewer.ID = Review.Reviewer_FK
WHERE (((Book.ID)=1));
```

Title	Author	Price	ISBN	Stars	Review Text	RName	Location	ID
Funny Jokes	Scott Mann	\$5.00	342343-3423423	4	This was a really good book, it made me laugh a lot	John Smith	Brazil	

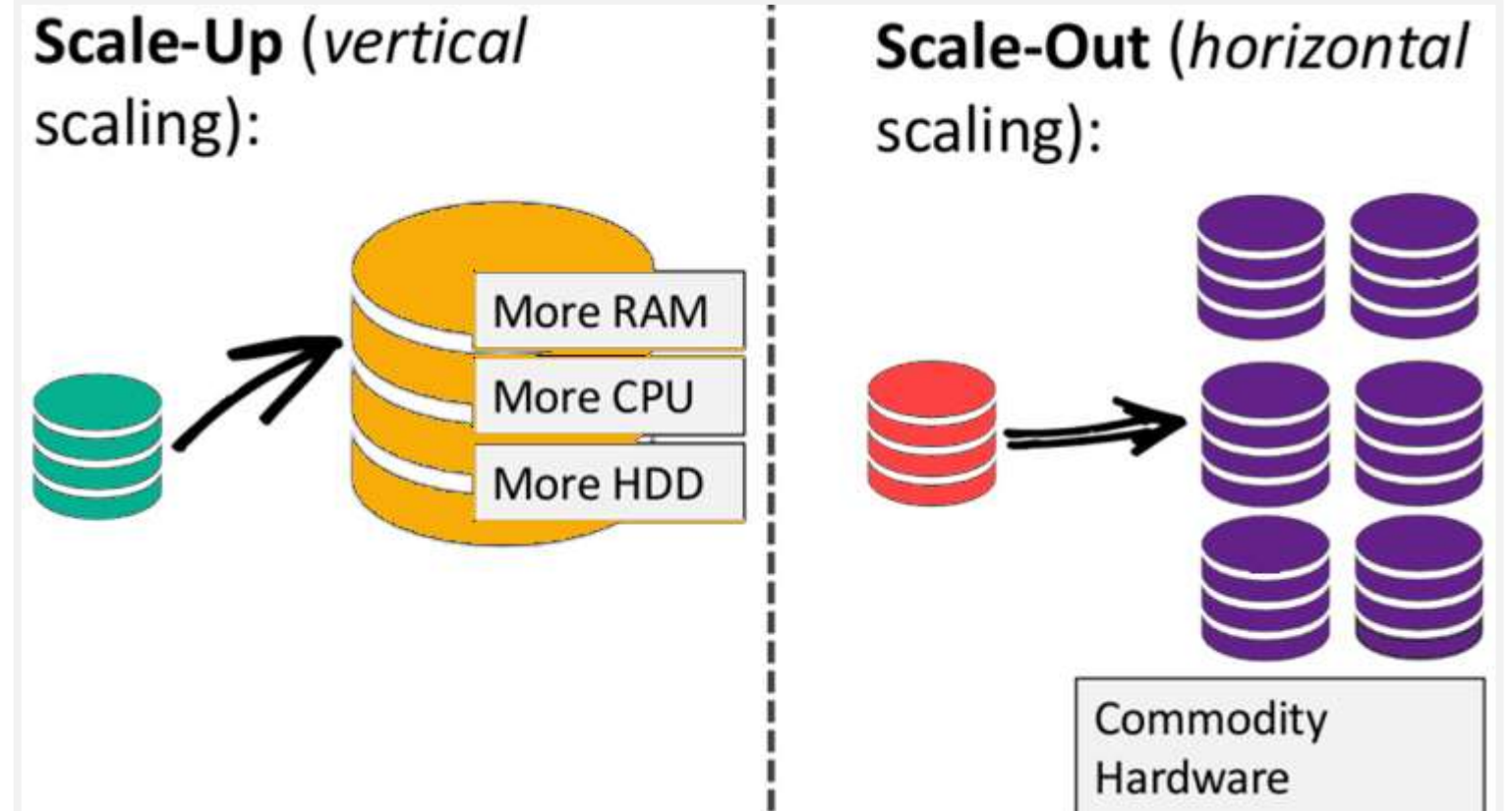
Why NoSQL?

- Writes require data duplication
- Reads are really fast
- Most apps read more than they write
- NoSQL is a valid choice
- Optimised for read heavy applications



Horizontally Scaling

- NoSQL data is easily distributed across multiple machines
- SQL requires vertical scaling
 - Use a higher performance device (1) to host the DB
- NoSQL scales horizontally
 - Data is distributed across several machines (many) to host the database
 - Cloud model for scalability e.g. Amazon Web Services (AWS)



Firestore

- Not table based (No Tables/Rows) you store data in **documents**, which are organized into **collections**.
 - Each **document** contains a set of **key-value pairs**
 - Nested Tree
 - Collection of JSON objects
 - No Schema
 - DB won't restrict the data types
 - Updating database design is much easier
 - Add/Edit fields without breaking the database
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- Add a new field to Book for 'Publisher' and won't expect previous entries to be forced to have this data



Cloud Firestore

Pricing

<https://firebase.google.com/pricing/>

Products	Free Spark Plan Generous limits to get started	Pay as you go Blaze Plan Calculate pricing for apps at scale ✓ Free usage from Spark plan included*
Cloud Firestore		
Stored data	1 GiB total	\$0.18/GiB
Network egress	10GiB/month	Google Cloud pricing
Document writes	20K/day	\$0.18/100K
Document reads	50K/day	\$0.06/100K
Document deletes	20K/day	\$0.02/100K

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Get to know

Cloud Firestore

#1 What is
a NoSQL
database?



NoSQL & Firestore

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- Similar to a Collection of JSON objects
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Documents

In Firestore, the unit of storage is the **document**.

- A document is a lightweight record that contains fields, which map to values.
- Each document is identified by a name.
- Can only be \leq 1MB in size
- Similar to JSON object
- Key/Value pairs (termed 'Fields')
- Document cannot contain a document

Note: Firestore supports a variety of data types for values: boolean, number, string, geo point, binary blob, and timestamp. You can also use arrays or nested objects, called maps, to structure data within a document.

A document representing a user `alovelace` might look like this:

```
alovelace
first : "Ada"
last  : "Lovelace"
born  : 1815
```

JSON (JavaScript Object Notation)

```
{
  "employees": [
    {"firstName": "John", "lastName": "Doe"},
    {"firstName": "Anna", "lastName": "Smith"},
    {"firstName": "Peter", "lastName": "Jones"}
  ]
}
```

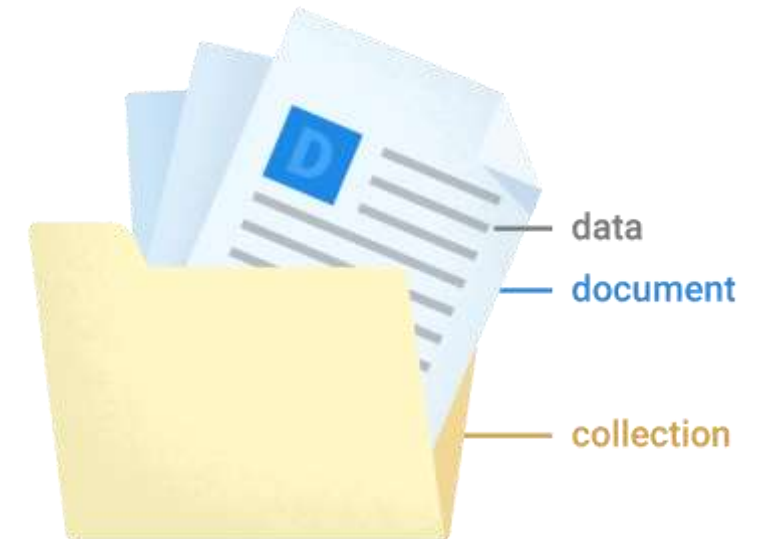
https://www.w3schools.com/whatis/whatis_json.asp

Collections

Documents live in collections, which are simply containers for documents. For example, you could have a users collection to contain your various users, each represented by a document.



- Can only contain documents
- Firestore root can only contain collections
- The names of documents within a collection are unique
- You do not need to "create" or "delete" collections.



References

Every document in Firestore is uniquely identified by its location within the database. The previous example showed a document `alovelace` within the collection `users`. To refer to this location in your code, you can create a reference to it.

```
DocumentReference alovelaceDocumentRef = db.collection("users").document("alovelace");
```

A reference is a lightweight object that just points to a location in your database. You can create a reference whether or not data exists there, and creating a reference does not perform any network operations.

You can also create references to collections:

```
CollectionReference usersCollectionRef = db.collection("users");
```

Hierarchical Data

To understand how hierarchical data structures work in Firestore, consider an example chat app with messages and chat rooms.

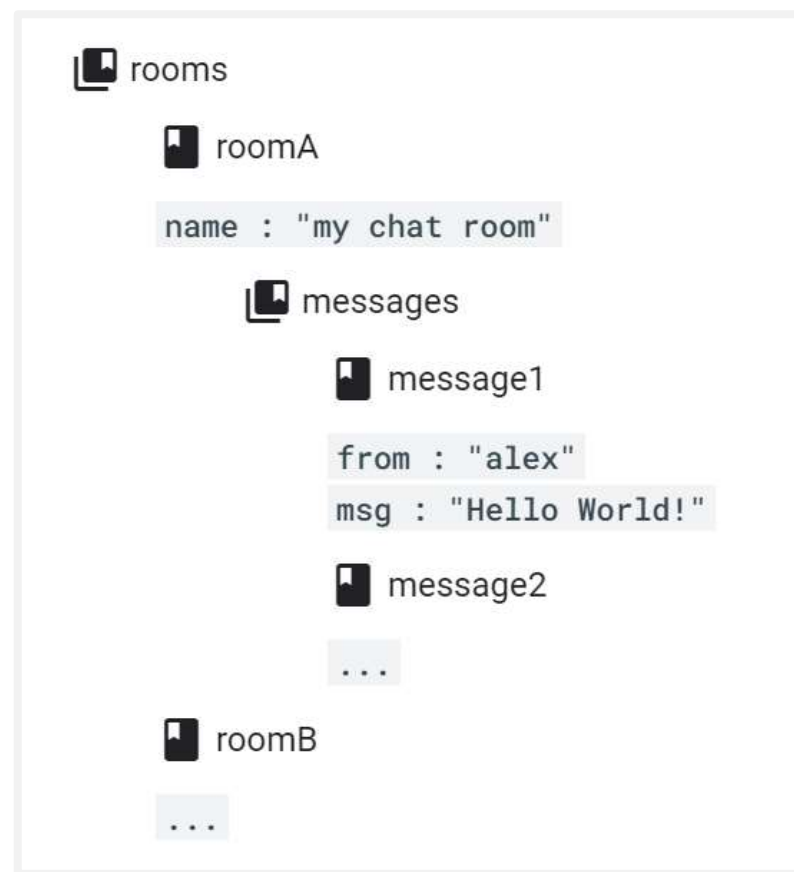
You can create a collection called rooms to store different chat rooms:



Subcollections

A subcollection is a collection associated with a specific document.

E.g. You can create a subcollection called messages for every room document in your rooms collection:

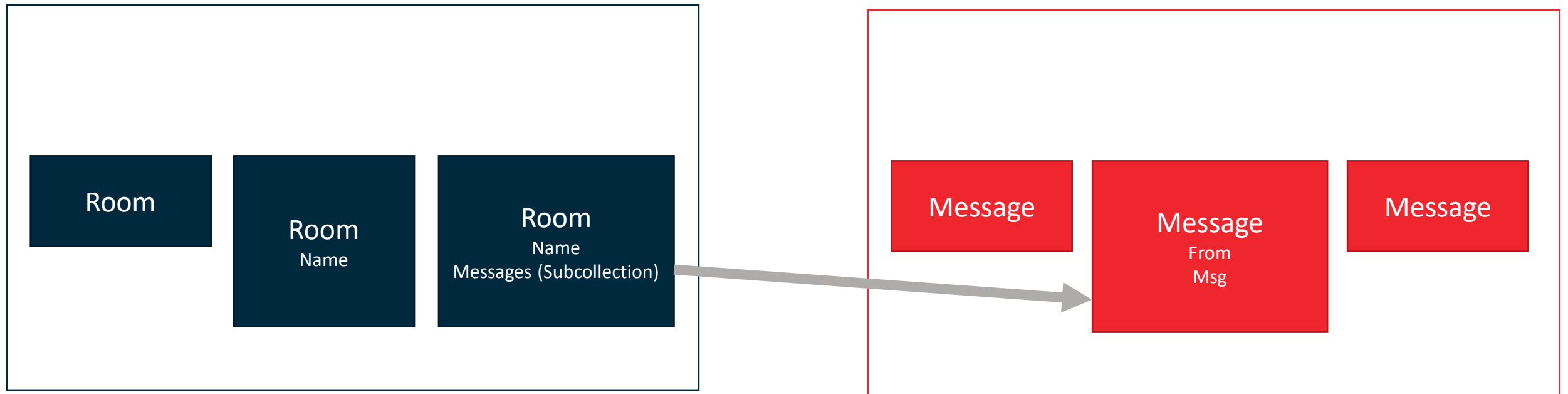


Querying

- Each document in a collection has an index
- Therefore performance is consistent no matter the size of the results
- ALL QUERIES ARE FAST
- Good at equality == > or < inequality type queries
- Composite indexing is supported for AND type clauses



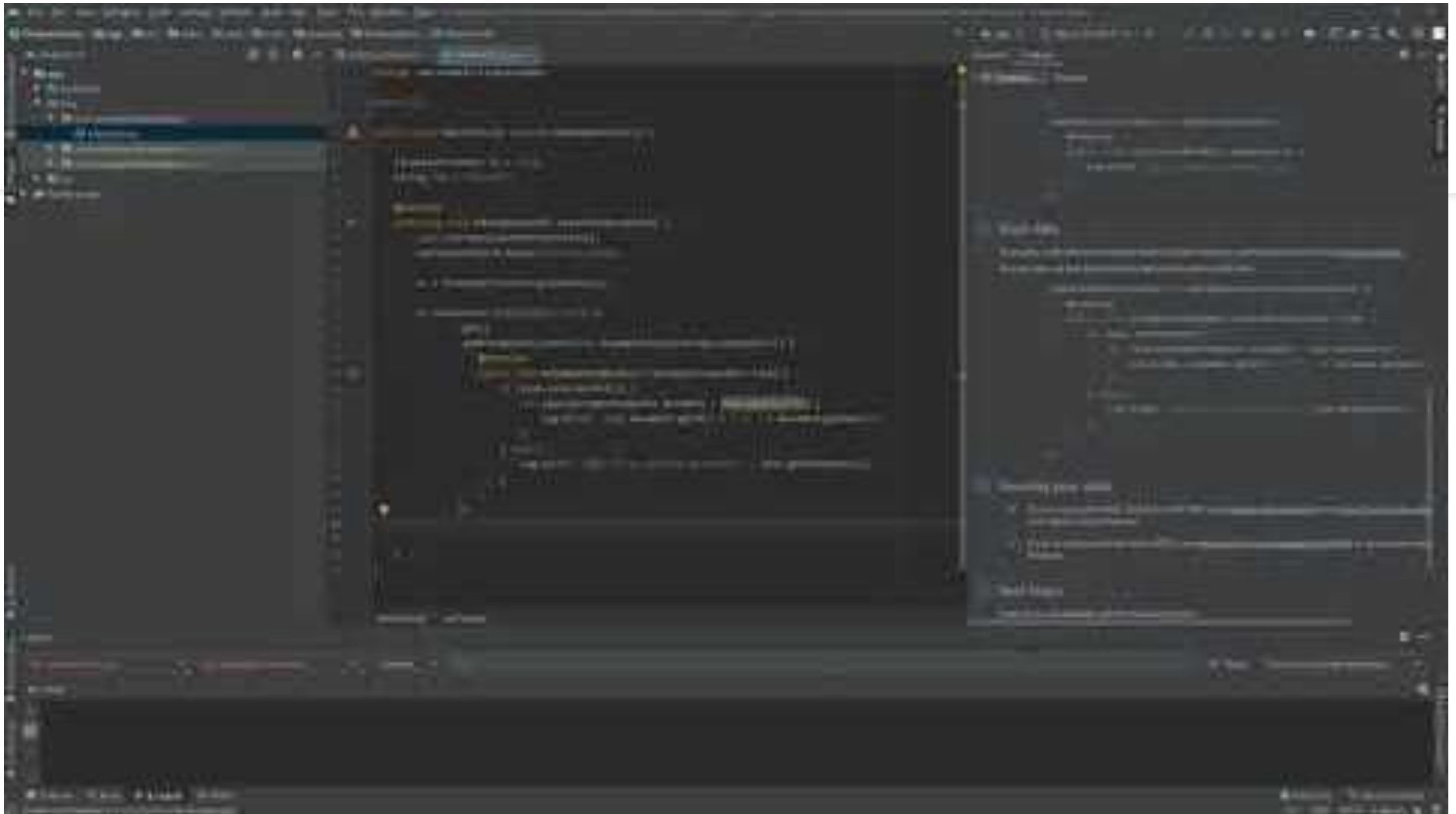
NoSQL of example



Query for a set of documents in a collection by default (shallow query), e.g. only matching book documents, you don't get the subcollections

Firestore example

<https://github.com/latrobe-cs-educator/CSE2MAD> Lecture6 Firestore



Adding Firestore to your App

Create a Firebase project

<https://console.firebase.google.com/>



Let's start with a name for your project

Project name

scotts-app

scotts-app-2ed85

☒ I accept the [Firebase Terms](#)

Continue



Google Analytics for your Firebase project

Google Analytics gives you free and unlimited analytics for your iOS and Android apps.

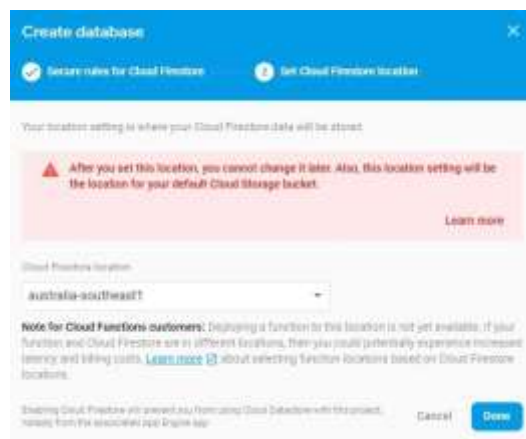
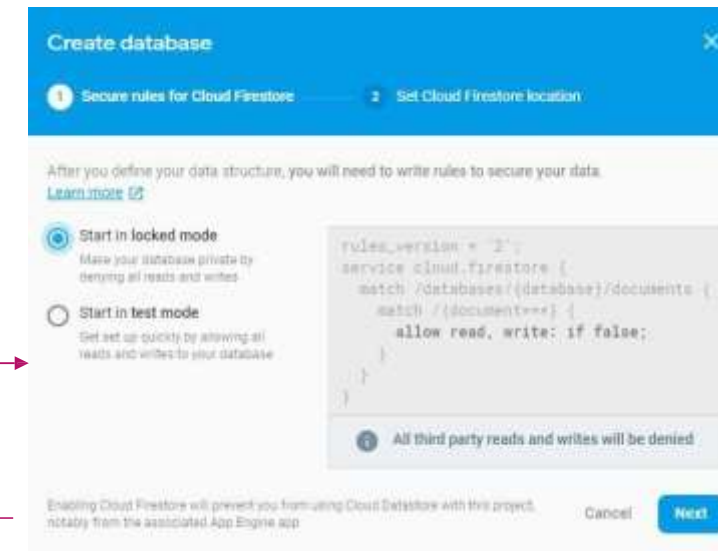
- ☒ Firebase Analytics
- ☒ Firebase Crashlytics
- ☒ Firebase Remote Config
- ☒ Firebase Cloud Messaging

Set up Google Analytics for my project
Configure in the next step

Not at the moment
You can change this later

Create project

Set up Firestore



Firestore is a NoSQL, horizontally scaling, document model database in the cloud

NoSQL Example in Firestore

Start a collection

1 Give the collection an ID 2 Add its first document

Parent path
/

Collection ID
Books

A collection is a set of documents that contain data

Example: Collection "users" would contain a unique document for each user

Cancel Next



Start a collection

1 Give the collection an ID 2 Add its first document

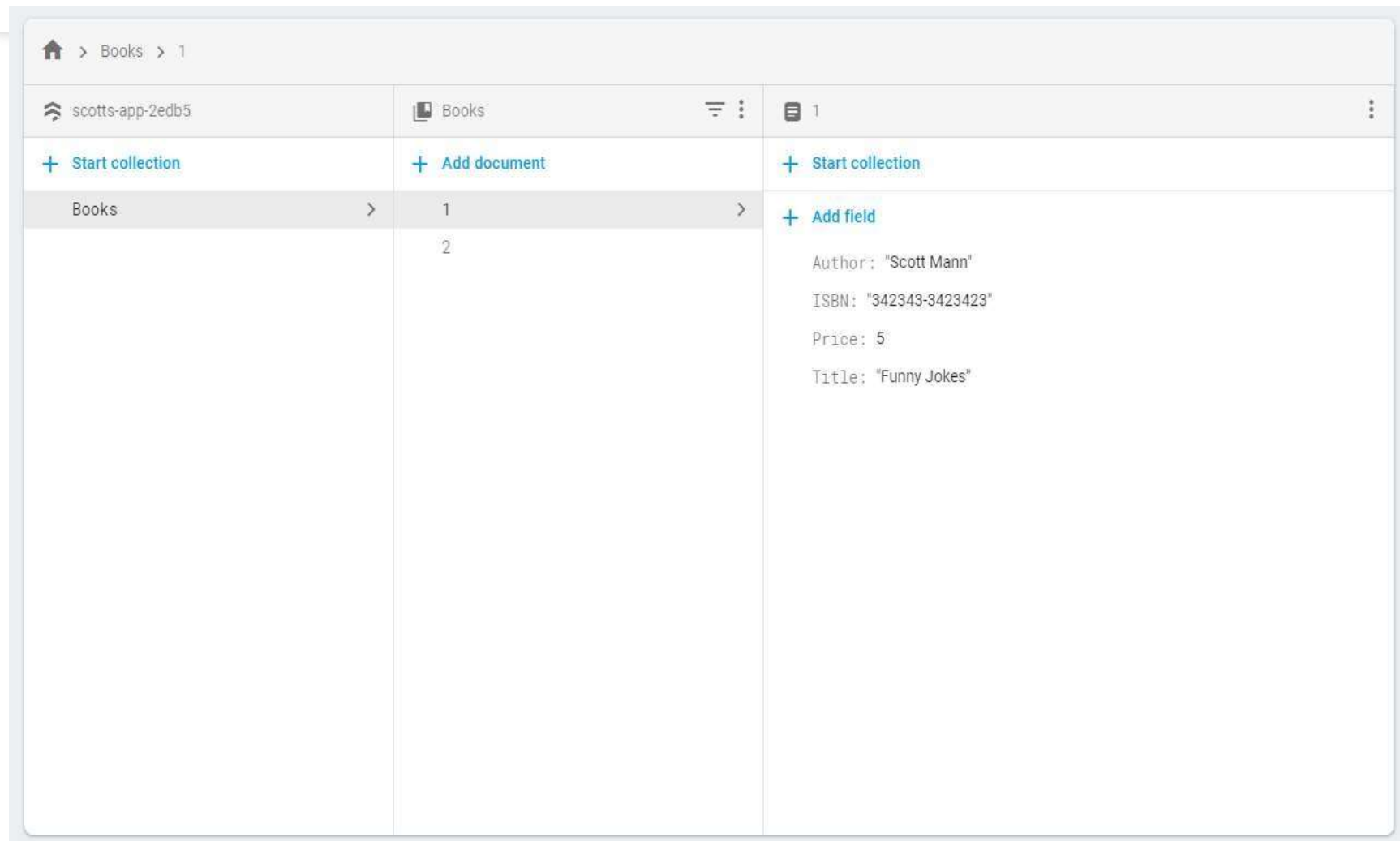
Document parent path
/Books

Document ID
1

Field	Type	Value
Title	= string	Funny Jokes
Author	= string	Scott Mann
Price	= number	5.00
ISBN	= string	342343-3423423

Cancel Save

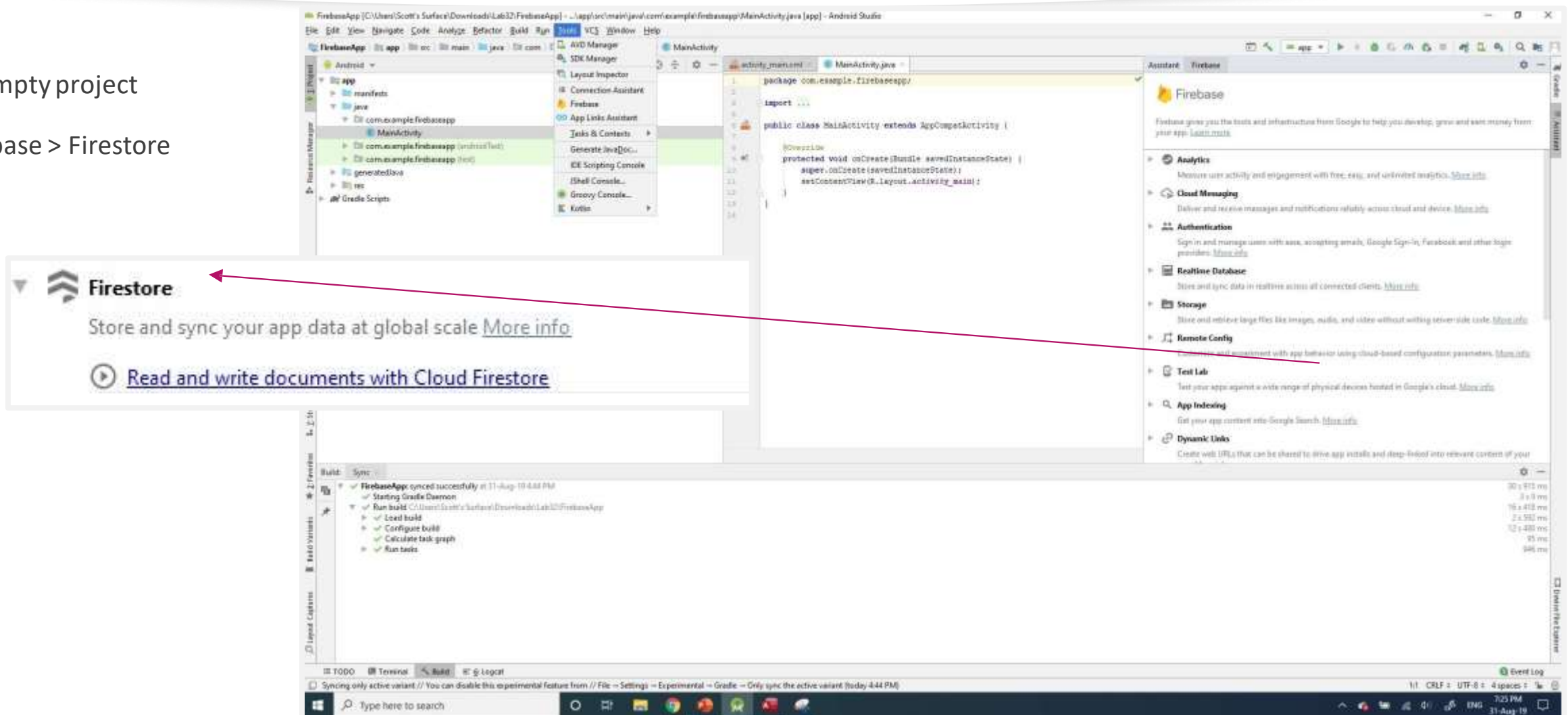
Setting up the Book collection



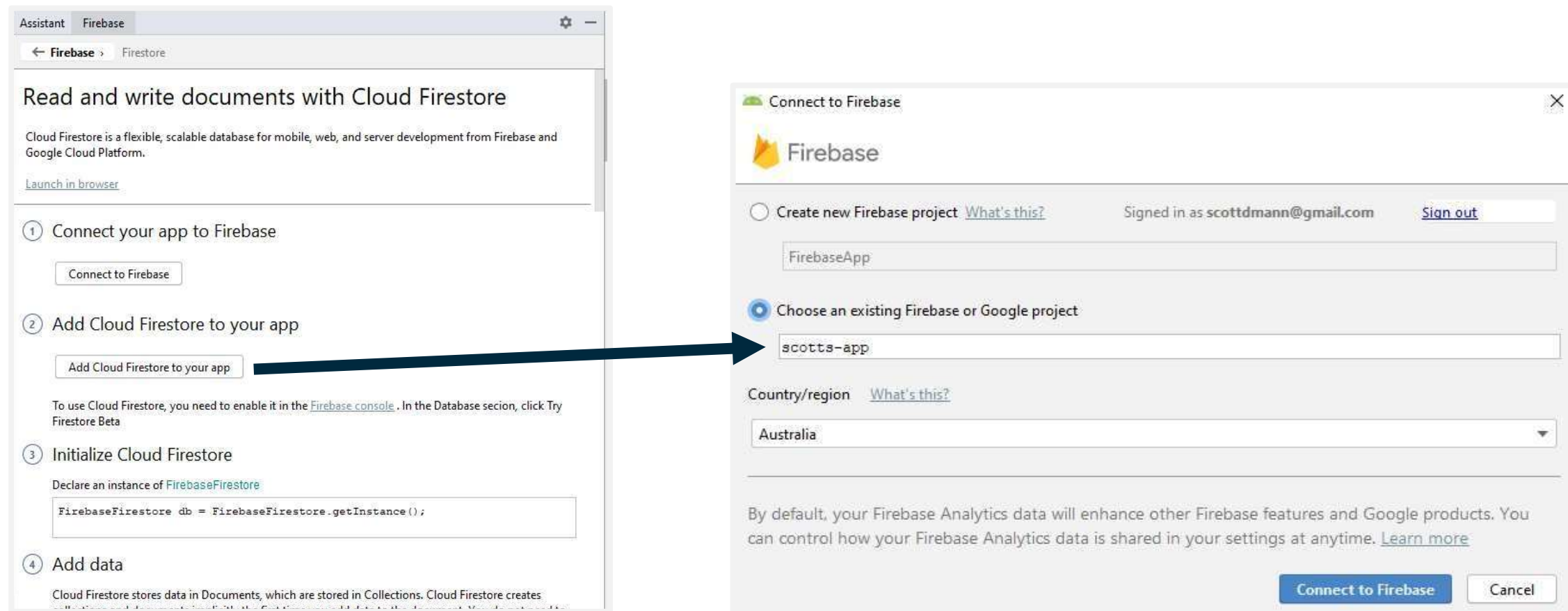
Integrating Firebase into your project

Create an empty project

Tools > Firebase > Firestore



Connect to Firebase



Follow the steps, depending on your Android studio version the 'Connect to Firebase' option might open a web browser page or an in-app page (as per image)

Initialize Cloud Firestore

```
public class MainActivity extends AppCompatActivity {  
  
    FirebaseFirestore db = null;  
    String TAG = "MainAct";  
  
    @Override  
    protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {  
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);  
        setContentView(R.layout.activity_main);  
  
        db = FirebaseFirestore.getInstance();  
    }  
}
```

Get a firestore instance

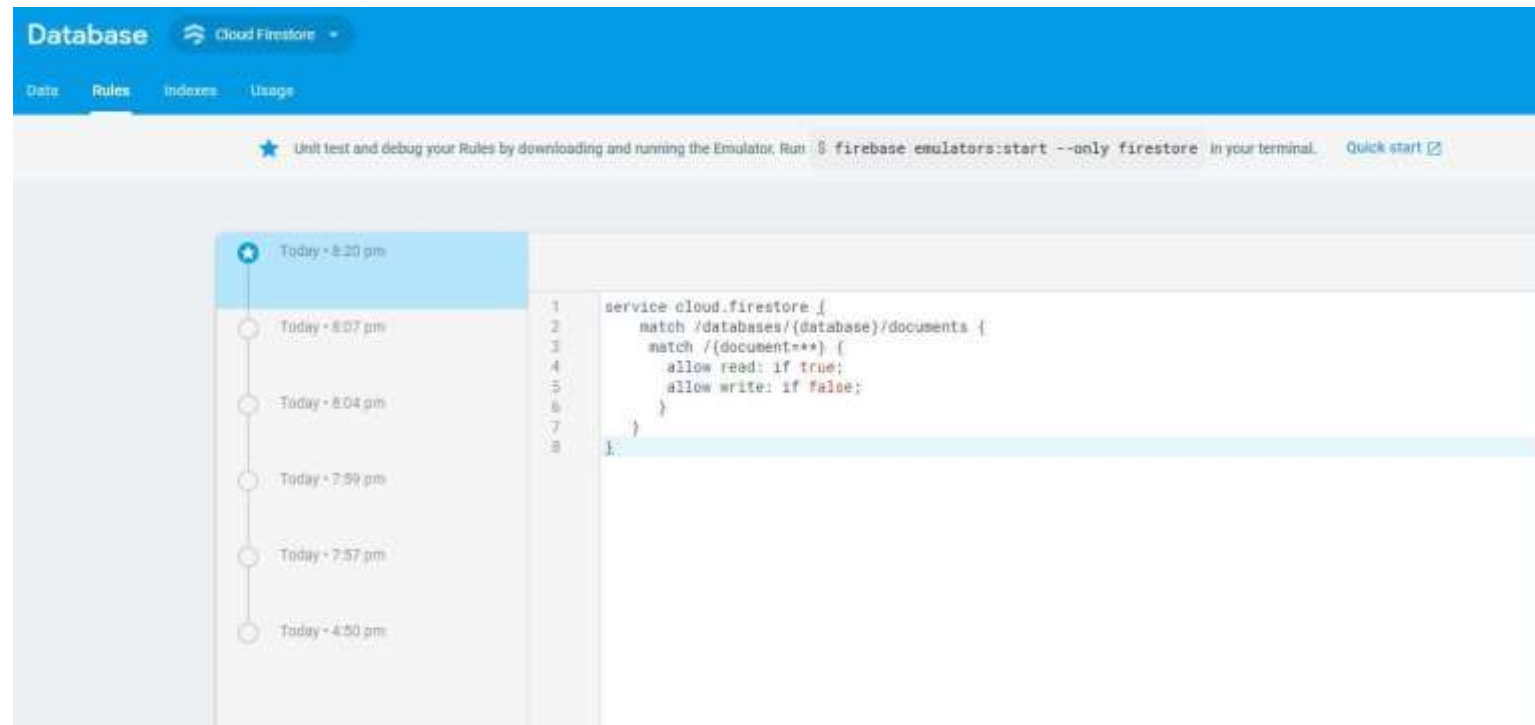
Query Firestore

Add to onCreate, a get() query for all documents(book) in the Books collection

```
db.collection("Books")
    .get()
    .addOnCompleteListener(new OnCompleteListener<QuerySnapshot>() {
        @Override
        public void onComplete(@NonNull Task<QuerySnapshot> task) {
            if (task.isSuccessful()) {
                for (QueryDocumentSnapshot document : Objects.requireNonNull(task.getResult())) {
                    Log.d(TAG, document.getId() + " => " + document.getData());
                }
            } else {
                Log.w(TAG, "Error getting documents.", task.getException());
            }
        }
    });
```

Enable read without authentication

Change in your Firestore Rules tab



Output to Logcat after running app

08-31 20:20:35.459 3268-3268/? D/FB_READ: 1 => {ISBN=342343-3423423, Price=5, Title=Funny Jokes, Author=Scott Mann}

08-31 20:20:35.459 3268-3268/? D/FB_READ: 2 => {ISBN=344352-3497324, Price=30, Title=Mobile Apps, Author=Shaarang Tanpure}

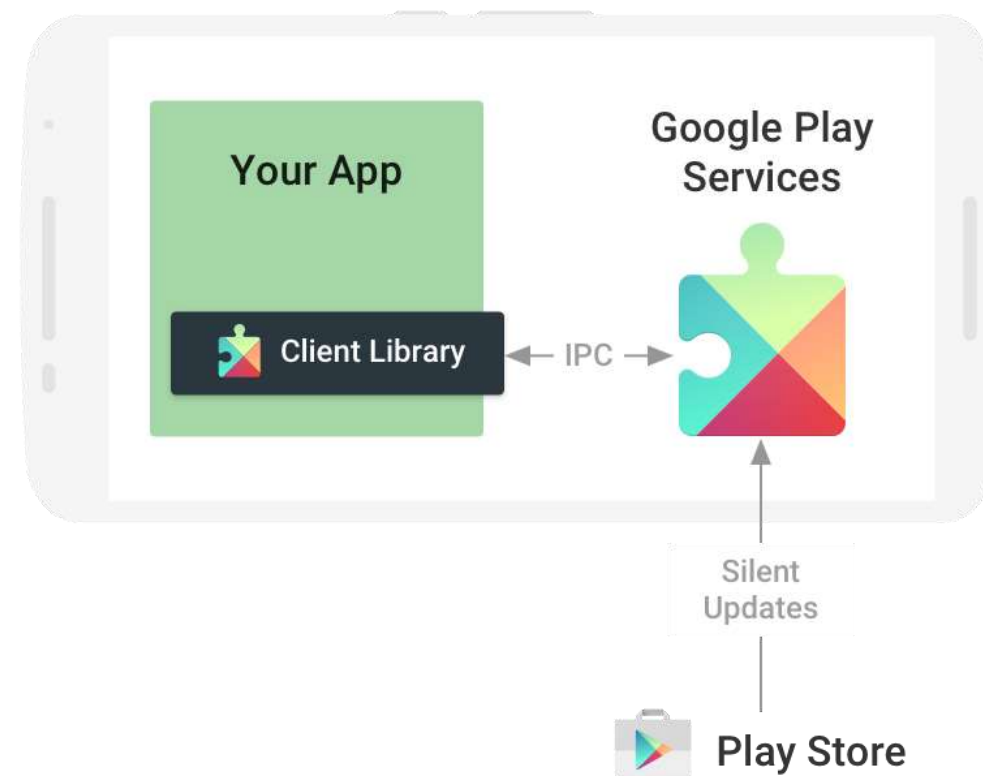


Location-Based Services in Android



Google Play Services

- Pushed as an application therefore not as an OS upgrade
 - Helps get around fragmentation in the ecosystem
- Services released as an application



Google Play services location API

[com.google.android.gms.location](#)

Interfaces

ActivityRecognitionApi	<i>This interface is deprecated. Use the GoogleApi-based API ActivityRecognitionClient instead.</i>
FusedLocationProviderApi	<i>This interface is deprecated. Use the GoogleApi-based API FusedLocationProviderClient instead.</i>
Geofence	Represents a geographical region, also known as a geofence.
GeofencingApi	<i>This interface is deprecated. Use the GoogleApi-based API GeofencingClient instead.</i>
LocationListener	Used for receiving notifications from the FusedLocationProviderApi when the location has changed.
SettingsApi	<i>This interface is deprecated. Use GoogleApi-based API SettingsClient instead.</i>

FusedLocationProviderClient

Obtaining the location information for a device can be complicated:

Devices contain different types of GPS hardware, and a satellite or network connection (cell or Wi-Fi) is not always available. Activating GPS and other hardware components uses power.

To find the device location efficiently without worrying about which provider or network type to use, use the *FusedLocationProviderClient* interface. Before you can use *FusedLocationProviderClient*, you need to set up Google Play services.

```
/**
 * Provides the entry point to the Fused Location Provider API.
 */
private FusedLocationProviderClient mFusedLocationClient;

/**
 * Represents a geographical location.
 */
protected Location mLastLocation;

private String mLatitudeLabel;
private String mLongitudeLabel;
private TextView mLatitudeText;
private TextView mLongitudeText;

/**
 * Provides a simple way of getting a device's location and is useful for
 * applications that do not require a time-grained location and that
 * updates. Gets the best and most recent location currently available.
 */
private void getLastLocation() {
    if (ContextCompat.checkSelfPermission(this, Manifest.permission.ACCESS_FINE_LOCATION)
        != PackageManager.PERMISSION_GRANTED) {
        return;
    }
    mFusedLocationClient.getLastLocation()
        .addOnCompleteListener(new OnCompleteListener<Location>() {
            @Override
            public void onComplete(@NonNull Task<Location> task) {
                if (task.isSuccessful) {
                    mLastLocation = task.getResult();
                    mLatitudeText.setText(String.format(Locale.getDefault(),
                        "%s", mLatitudeLabel,

```



FusedLocationProviderClient

Last Known Location

Using the fused location provider API, your app can request the last known location of the user's device. Getting the last known location is usually a good starting point for apps that require location information.

Location Updates

In addition to the last known location, the fused location provider API can deliver location updates to a callback in your app at specific intervals. You can specify the desired interval as a parameter of the quality of service. By using location updates, your app can provide additional information such as direction and velocity.

Set Up Google Play Services

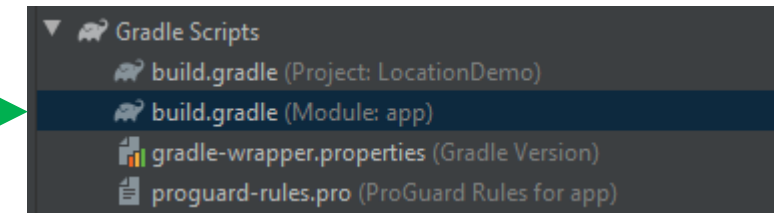
To develop an app using the Google Play services APIs, you need to set up your project with the Google Play services SDK, which is available from the Google maven repository.

To test your app when using the Google Play services SDK, you must use either:

- A compatible Android device that runs Android 4.1 or higher and includes Google Play Store.
- The Android emulator with an AVD that runs the Google APIs platform based on Android 4.2.2 or higher.

Add Google Play Services to your Project

1. Open the build.gradle file inside your application module directory.



2. Add a new build rule under dependencies for the latest version of play-services, using the latest API Version number

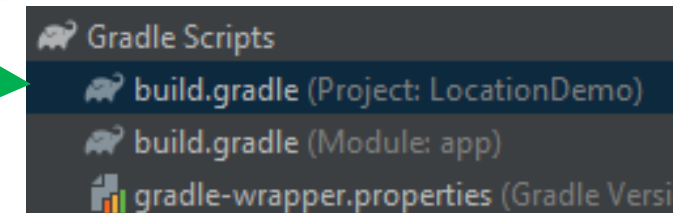
```
apply plugin: 'com.android.application'

...

dependencies {
    implementation 'com.google.android.gms:play-services-location:17.0.0'
```

Add Google Play Services to your Project

3. Ensure that your top-level build.gradle contains a reference to the google() repo or to maven { url "https://maven.google.com" }.



```
// Top-level build file where you can add configuration options common to all sub-projects/modules.
buildscript {
    repositories {
        google() ✓
        jcenter() ✓
    }
    dependencies {
        classpath "com.android.tools.build:gradle:4.0.1"
    }
}

allprojects {
    repositories {
        google()
        jcenter() ✓
    }
}
```

4. Save the changes, and click Sync Project with Gradle Files in the toolbar.

Location Permissions & Type

To protect user privacy, apps that use location services must request location permissions.

When you request location permissions, follow the same best practices as you would for any other runtime permission.

One important difference when it comes to location permissions is that the system includes multiple permissions related to location. Which permissions you request, and how you request them, depend on the location requirements for your app's use case.

Types of location access

Android's location permissions deal with the following categories of location access:

- Foreground location
- Background location

Foreground location

If your app contains a feature that shares or receives location information only once, or for a defined amount of time, then that feature requires foreground location access. Some examples include the following:

- Within a navigation app, a feature allows users to get turn-by-turn directions.
- Within a messaging app, a feature allows users to share their current location with another user.

```
<manifest ... >  
  <!-- To request foreground location access, declare one of these permissions. -->  
  <uses-permission android:name="android.permission.ACCESS_COARSE_LOCATION" />  
  <uses-permission android:name="android.permission.ACCESS_FINE_LOCATION" />  
</manifest>
```

ACCESS_COARSE_LOCATION - Provides location accuracy to within a city block.

ACCESS_FINE_LOCATION - Provides a more accurate location.

Background location

An app requires background location access if a feature within the app constantly shares location with other users or uses the Geofencing API. Several examples include the following:

- Within a family location sharing app, a feature allows users to continuously share location with family members.
- Within an IoT app, a feature allows users to configure their home devices such that they turn off when the user leaves their home and turn back on when the user returns home.

```
<manifest ... >  
  <!-- Required only when requesting background location access on  
    Android 10 (API level 29). -->  
  <uses-permission android:name="android.permission.ACCESS_BACKGROUND_LOCATION" />  
</manifest>
```


Location Permission Changes 2020

Location Permissions



April 16, 2020 update: We realize that compliance with the Location policy may require substantial work for some developers, so we are offering an extended timeline to make any necessary changes. To view timelines and other updates, please visit our [Help Center](#).

Device location [📍](#) is regarded as personal and sensitive user data subject to the [Personal and Sensitive Information](#) policy and the following requirements:

- Apps may not access data protected by location permissions (e.g., `ACCESS_FINE_LOCATION`, `ACCESS_COARSE_LOCATION`, `ACCESS_BACKGROUND_LOCATION`) after it is no longer necessary to deliver current features or services in your app.
- You should never request location permissions from users for the sole purpose of advertising or analytics. Apps that extend permitted usage of this data for serving advertising must be in compliance with our [Ads Policy](#).
- Apps should request the minimum scope necessary (i.e., coarse instead of fine, and foreground instead of background) to provide the current feature or service requiring location and users should reasonably expect that the feature or service needs the level of location requested. For example, we may reject apps that request or access background location without compelling justification.
- Background location may only be used to provide features beneficial to the user and relevant to the core functionality of the app.

Apps are allowed to access location using foreground service (when the app only has foreground access e.g.: "while in use") permission if the use:

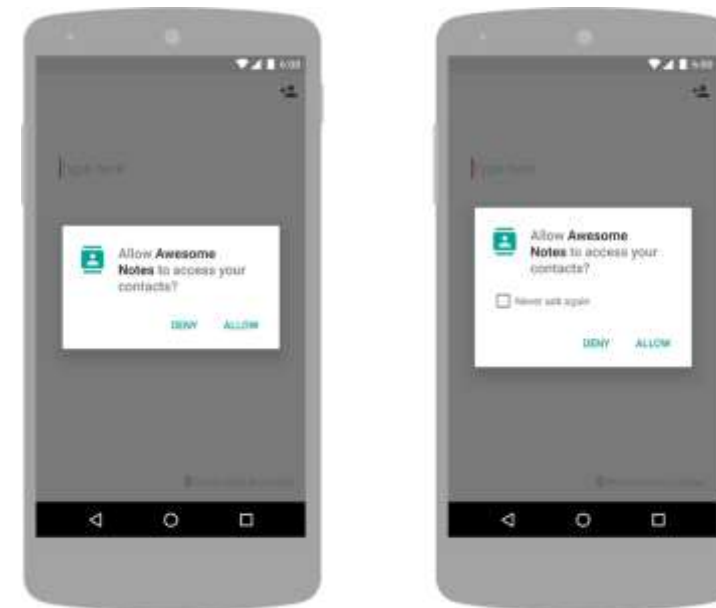
- has been initiated as a continuation of an in-app user-initiated action, and
- is terminated immediately after the intended use case of the user-initiated action is completed by the application.

Apps designed specifically for children must comply with the [Designed for Families](#) policy.

Dangerous Permissions!!

The way Android asks the user to grant dangerous permissions depends on the version of Android running on the user's device, and the system version targeted by your app.

- Runtime requests (Android 6.0 and higher)
 - If the device is running Android 6.0 (API level 23) or higher, and the app's `targetSdkVersion` is 23 or higher, the user isn't notified of any app permissions at install time. Your app must ask the user to grant the dangerous permissions at runtime.
- Install-time requests (Android 5.1.1 and below)
 - If the device is running Android 5.1.1 (API level 22) or lower, or the app's `targetSdkVersion` is 22 or lower while running on any version of Android, the system automatically asks the user to grant all dangerous permissions for your app at install-time.





Dangerous Permissions

Permission Group	Permission
Calendar	READ_CALENDAR
	WRITE_CALENDAR
Camera	CAMERA
Contacts	READ_CONTACTS
	WRITE_CONTACTS
	GET_ACCOUNTS
Location	ACCESS_FINE_LOCATION
	ACCESS_COARSE_LOCATION
Microphone	RECORD_AUDIO
Phone	READ_PHONE_STATE
	CALL_PHONE
	READ_CALL_LOG
	WRITE_CALL_LOG
	ADD_VOICEMAIL
	USE_SIP
	PROCESS_OUTGOING_CALLS
Sensors	BODY_SENSORS
SMS	SEND_SMS
	RECEIVE_SMS
	READ_SMS
	RECEIVE_WAP_PUSH
	RECEIVE_MMS
Storage	READ_EXTERNAL_STORAGE
	WRITE_EXTERNAL_STORAGE



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Runtime Permissions



Get the last known location

1. Set up Google Play services ✓
2. Specify app permissions ✓
3. Create location services client

```
private FusedLocationProviderClient fusedLocationClient;

// ..

@Override
protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
    // ...

    fusedLocationClient = LocationServices.getFusedLocationProviderClient(this);
}
```


Get the last known location (continued)

4. Get the last known location

```
fusedLocationClient.getLastLocation()
    .addOnSuccessListener(this, new OnSuccessListener<Location>() {
        @Override
        public void onSuccess(Location location) {
            // Got last known location. In some rare situations this can be null.
            if (location != null) {
                // Logic to handle location object
            }
        }
    });
```

Get the last known location (continued)

The `getLastLocation()` method returns a Task that you can use to get a Location object with the latitude and longitude coordinates of a geographic location. (See docs below for all location object methods).

<https://developer.android.com/reference/android/location/Location>

The location object may be null in the following situations:

- Location is turned off in the device settings. The result could be null even if the last location was previously retrieved because disabling location also clears the cache.
- The device never recorded its location, which could be the case of a new device or a device that has been restored to factory settings.
- Google Play services on the device has restarted, and there is no active Fused Location Provider client that has requested location after the services restarted. To avoid this situation you can create a new client and request location updates yourself.





Last known location example

<https://github.com/latrobe-cs-educator/CSE2MAD> Lecture6 LastLocationDemo

Optimize location for battery

Location gathering and battery drain are directly related in the following aspects:

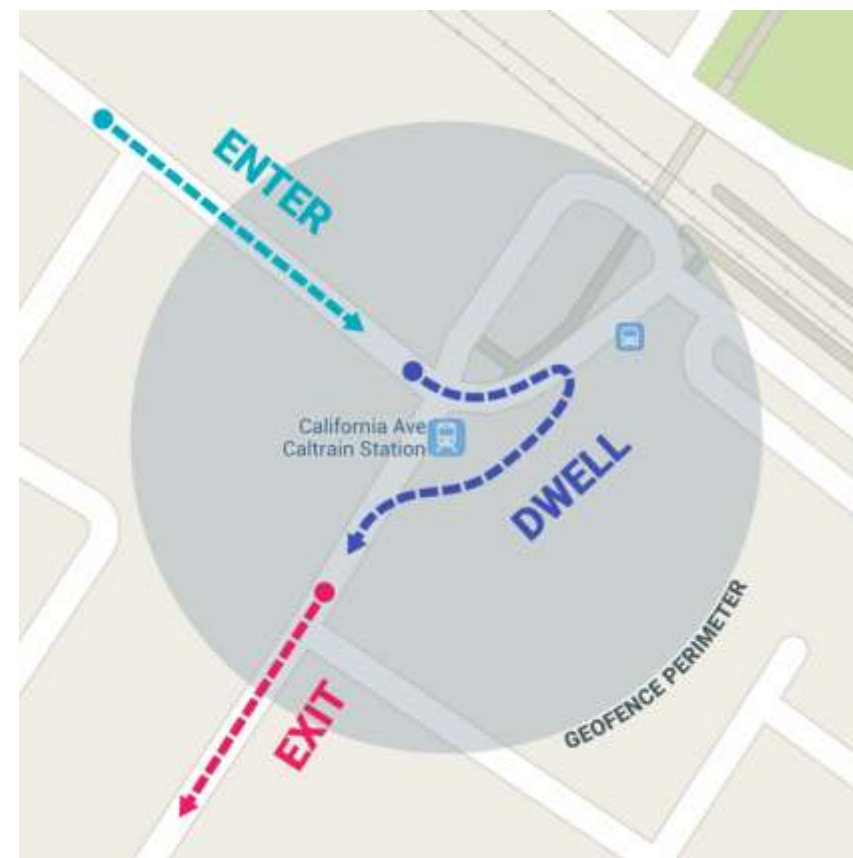
- Accuracy: The precision of the location data. In general, the higher the accuracy, the higher the battery drain.
- Frequency: How often location is computed. The more frequent location is computed, the more battery is used.
- Latency: How quickly location data is delivered. Less latency usually requires more battery.



Geofence API

The geofencing API allows you to define perimeters, also referred to as geofences, which surround the areas of interest. Your app gets a notification when the device crosses a geofence, which allows you to provide a useful experience when users are in the vicinity.

- Provide contextual experiences when users enter or leave an area of interest
- Receive notifications when users trigger your geofences



Google Maps API

With the Maps SDK for Android, you can add maps based on Google Maps data to your application. The API automatically handles access to Google Maps servers, data downloading, map display, and response to map gestures. You can also use API calls to add markers, polygons, and overlays to a basic map, and to change the user's view of a particular map area. These objects provide additional information for map locations, and allow user interaction with the map. The API allows you to add these graphics to a map:

- Icons anchored to specific positions on the map (Markers).
- Sets of line segments (Polylines).
- Enclosed segments (Polygons).
- Bitmap graphics anchored to specific positions on the map (Ground Overlays).
- Sets of images which are displayed on top of the base map tiles (Tile Overlays).



Adding a GoogleMap to your app

1. Create a Google Maps project

Create a new project as follows:

- If you see the Welcome to Android Studio dialog, choose Start a new Android Studio project, available under 'Quick Start' on the right of the dialog.
- Otherwise, click File in the Android Studio menu bar, then New, New Project.
- In the Choose your project dialog, select the tab that corresponds to the platform you intended to develop for. Most users will want to keep the default Phone and Tablet.
- Select Google Maps Activity, then click Next.
- Enter your app name, package name, and project location, and the minimum Android API level supported by your app, then click Finish.

Adding a GoogleMap to your app

2. Get a Google Maps API key

- Use the link provided in the `google_maps_api.xml` file that Android Studio created for you.
- Copy the link provided in the `google_maps_api.xml` file and paste it into your browser. The link takes you to the Google Cloud Platform Console and supplies the required information to the Google Cloud Platform Console via URL parameters, thus reducing the manual input required from you.
- Follow the instructions to create a new project on the Google Cloud Platform Console or select an existing project.
- Create an Android-restricted API key for your project.
- Copy the resulting API key, go back to Android Studio, and paste the API key into the `<string>` element in the `google_maps_api.xml` file.

```
<string name="google_maps_key" templateMergeStrategy="preserve" translatable="false">AIzaxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx</string>
```

Adding a GoogleMap to your app

3. Adjust MapsActivity.java

- Adjust the code to make a marker appear over Latrobe or any other location (you can use <https://www.latlong.net/> to find the coordinates)

```
// Add a marker at Latrobe Bundoora and move the camera
LatLng latrobe = new LatLng(-37.721476, 145.046851);
mMap.addMarker(new MarkerOptions().position(latrobe).title("Marker at Latrobe"));
mMap.moveCamera(CameraUpdateFactory.newLatLng(latrobe));
```

Adding a GoogleMap to your app

4. Build and run your app

- In Android Studio, click the Run menu option (or the play button icon) to run your app.
- When prompted to choose a device, choose one of the following options:
- Select the Android device that's connected to your computer.
- Alternatively, select the Launch emulator radio button and choose the virtual device that you've previously configured.





Maps Demo

https://github.com/latrobe-cs-educator/CSE2MAD_Lecture6_GoogleMapsDemo