



# stORM preview

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# simple template-based Object Relational Mapping



# why



- hand-coded SQL, ugh
- SQLite already has obj-like wrappers
  - ContentValues (insert, update)
  - Cursor (query)
- many apps just require a place to stuff some objects
- existing ORMs use reflection or require up-front modeling

# goals

- easy
- convention over configuration
- annotation-driven
  - @Database, @Entity
  - seamless code gen with JDT
- easy to debug
- minimal performance overhead



# non-goals

- kitchen sink
- model relations
- absolute max performance



# setup

- add storm-api.jar to build path
  - and export! (Order and Export tab)
- add storm-apt.jar to annotation factory classpath



# use



- Extend DatabaseHelper, annotate with @Database
- POJOs implement Persistable, annotate with @Entity
- Generates
  - DbFactory
  - EntityTable
  - EntityDao
- `new EntityDao(ctx).insert/get/query...`

# use



- `dao.insert(T obj)`
- `dao.insertMany(Iterable<T> objs)`
- `T dao.get(long id)`
- `dao.update(T obj)`
- `dao.delete(long id) / dao.deleteAll()`
- `List<T> dao.listAll()`
- `dao.listAllByExample(T exampleObj)`
- `dao.filter().eq(COL, val).eq(...).exec()`



# conventions

- `COLNAME == fieldName.toUpperCase()`
- `id`
  - long id (required)
  - column name is `_ID`



# types



- all primitives & wrappers supported
  - boolean, byte, byte[], char, double, float, int, long, short, String
  - byte[] have affinity BLOB
  - boolean, byte, char have affinity int
- roll-your-own
  - extend `TypeConverter<J,S>`
  - annotate with `@Converter`

# nice



- `dao.asList(Cursor c)`
- `dao.asObject(Cursor c)`
  - throws `TooManyResultsException`
- `insertMany` uses 1 transaction
- column name enum in Table class
  - `filter().eq(Columns.FIRSTNAME, "David")...`
- red squiggles from APT

# CSV



- `dao.getDatabaseHelper(ctx)`
- `dbHelper.backupAllTablesToCsv()`
- `dbHelper.restore...FromCsv()`
- exact type conversions
  - blobs are Base64 encoded
  - doubles saved as exact hex values
- file named `dbName.vn.TableName`

# UpgradeStrategy



- DROP\_CREATE
- BACKUP\_RESTORE (csv)
  - dropped cols disappear
  - new cols get default values
  - renaming not yet supported
- UPGRADE
  - override DatabaseHelper.upgrade() and/or
  - override TableHelper.onUpgrade(...) for each

# limits

- no relations (yet)
- can't compare doubles or blobs with `FilterBuilder.eq()`
  - likely add `.eq(COL, val, delta)`
  - or `dao.query(String where, String[] args)`



# dbFactory

- static db name, version
- singleton instance of DatabaseHelper
- getTableHelpers()



# dao

- extends SQLiteDatabase<T>
  - most of the code lives in the base class
- points to DatabaseFactory
- points to TableHelper





# table

- all SQL
- all getX() / bindX()
- Cursor --> obj
- obj --> ContentValues
- obj --> String[] (for csv)



# impl



- how to support incremental compilation?
  - anno processing happens in rounds
  - full src not available in every round
  - stormEnv file under .apt\_generated
  - TypeConverters aren't there yet
  - if in doubt, Project | Clean
- Freemarker templates in impl/src/res
- watch the Error Log view

# future

- limited relations
- more filter methods `gt()`, `lt()`, etc.
- `@Id` for custom id col
- `@Column(name="custom")`
- part of ADT?



# source

[drfibonacci.googlecode.com](http://drfibonacci.googlecode.com)



# native http

- Apache HttpClient
- HttpURLConnection
- google-api-java-client
- google-http-java-client
- basic-http-client



# basic-http-client



- just the basics
- sync api w/ smart error handling
- async api
  - automatically wraps in AsyncTask
  - auto retry / backoff
- extensible
  - RequestLogger
  - RequestHandler

# source



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# Resources

- [developer.android.com](http://developer.android.com)
- Common Tasks
- Google I/O sessions
- +Android Developers

