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/*
 * getStationInfo() method converts the RowResult Map into a more friendly Map of String keys
and values
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public Map<String, String> getStationInfo(HTable table, String stationId) {
    // passing a column family name info: will return all columns on that family
    byte[][] columns = { Bytes.toBytes("info:");
    // HTable.getRow() to fetch more than one column from a row
    // RowResult is an implementation of a SortedMap with row key as a data member. It is
keyed by the column name as a byte array
    // values are Cell data structures that hold a timestamp and the cell content in a byte
array
    RowResult res = table.getRow(Bytes.toBytes(stationId), columns);
    if (res == null) {
        return null;
    }
    Map<String, String> resultMap = new HashMap<String, String>();
    resultMap.put("name", getValue(res, "info:name"));
    resultMap.put("location", getValue(res, "info:location"));
    resultMap.put("description", getValue(res, "info:description"));
}

private static String getValue(RowResult res, String key) {
    Cell c = res.get(key.getBytes());
    if (c == null) {
        return "";
    }
    return Bytes.toString(c.getValue());
}

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