



# STORAGE

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# Where to store data?

- Locally
- Cloud
- Cloud + Locally

# Local storage options

Name	Data model	Access mode	Best for	Example
SharedPreferences*	Key-value	Private	Small amount	State of a game
Preferences ( <i>androidX</i> )	Key-value	Private	User setting	App settings
Internal file storage	java.io java.nio	Private	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Private data lifetime as app lifetime</li><li>Encryption</li></ul>	Large app data
External file storage	Java.io java.nio	Public	Sharing data	Share photo removable SSD
Room DB	Relational	Private	Structured data	Large structured data
Content provider <small>* Name is misleading</small>	Resource + Relational	Public (CRUD) SQL-like	Shared data among apps	Contacts Calendar ..

# Storage options [key-value]

- **SharedPreferences**

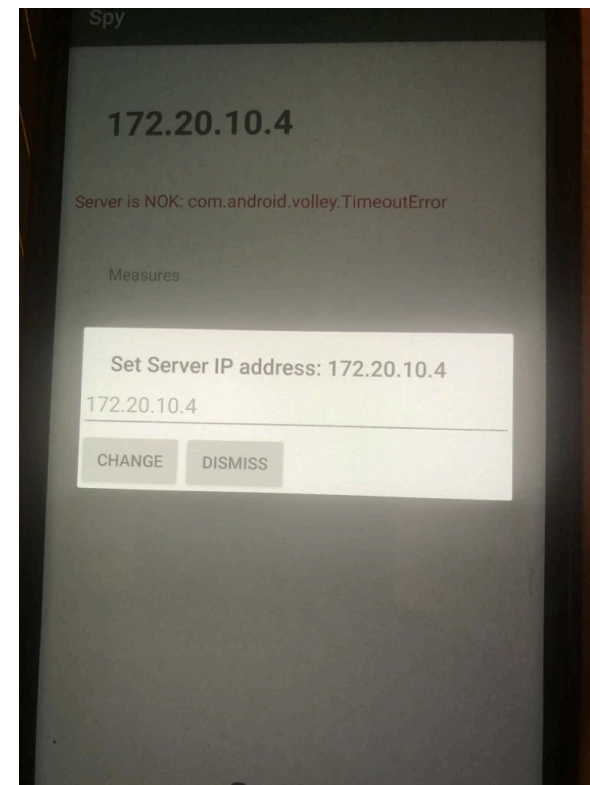
- Allows to store **private primitive** data (booleans, floats, ints, longs, and strings), as **Key-value** pairs
- Good option for a small amount of data
  - For example: highest score in a game

- **Preference**

- Added in *androidx*
- Library to create UI for user's preference

# Example

```
setting.setOnClickListener { it: View!  
    val builder = AlertDialog.Builder(context: this).create()  
    builder.setTitle("Server IP address: "+ip.toString())  
    val dialogView = getLayoutInflater().inflate(R.layout.settings_dialog, root: null)  
    dialogView.ip.hint=ip.toString()  
    builder.setView(dialogView)  
  
    dialogView.btnOK.setOnClickListener { it: View!  
        ip = dialogView.ip.text.toString()  
        with(sharedPref.edit()) { this: SharedPreferences.Editor!  
            putString("IP", ip)  
            commit() ^with  
        }  
        Configuration.text=ip  
        builder.dismiss()  
    }  
  
    dialogView.btnNOK.setOnClickListener { it: View!  
        builder.dismiss()  
    }  
  
    builder.show()  
}
```



# Storage options [File]

- **Internal file storage**

- App private data on the local file system
- At installation time a **private directory** on the file system is created

- **External file storage**

- Files saved to the external storage are world-readable
- Support mount/unmount operations, storage could be **physically removable** (SSD)
  - songs, video
- ...

# Example

```
// Although you can define your own key generation parameter specification, it's
// recommended that you use the value specified here.
val keyGenParameterSpec = MasterKeys.AES256_GCM_SPEC
val masterKeyAlias = MasterKeys.getOrCreate(keyGenParameterSpec)

// Creates a file with this name, or replaces an existing file
// that has the same name. Note that the file name cannot contain
// path separators.
val fileToWrite = "my_sensitive_data.txt"
val encryptedFile = EncryptedFile.Builder(
    File(directory, fileToWrite),
    context,
    masterKeyAlias,
    EncryptedFile.FileEncryptionScheme.AES256_GCM_HKDF_4KB
).build()

encryptedFile.openFileOutput().bufferedWriter().use {
    it.write("MY SUPER-SECRET INFORMATION")
}
```

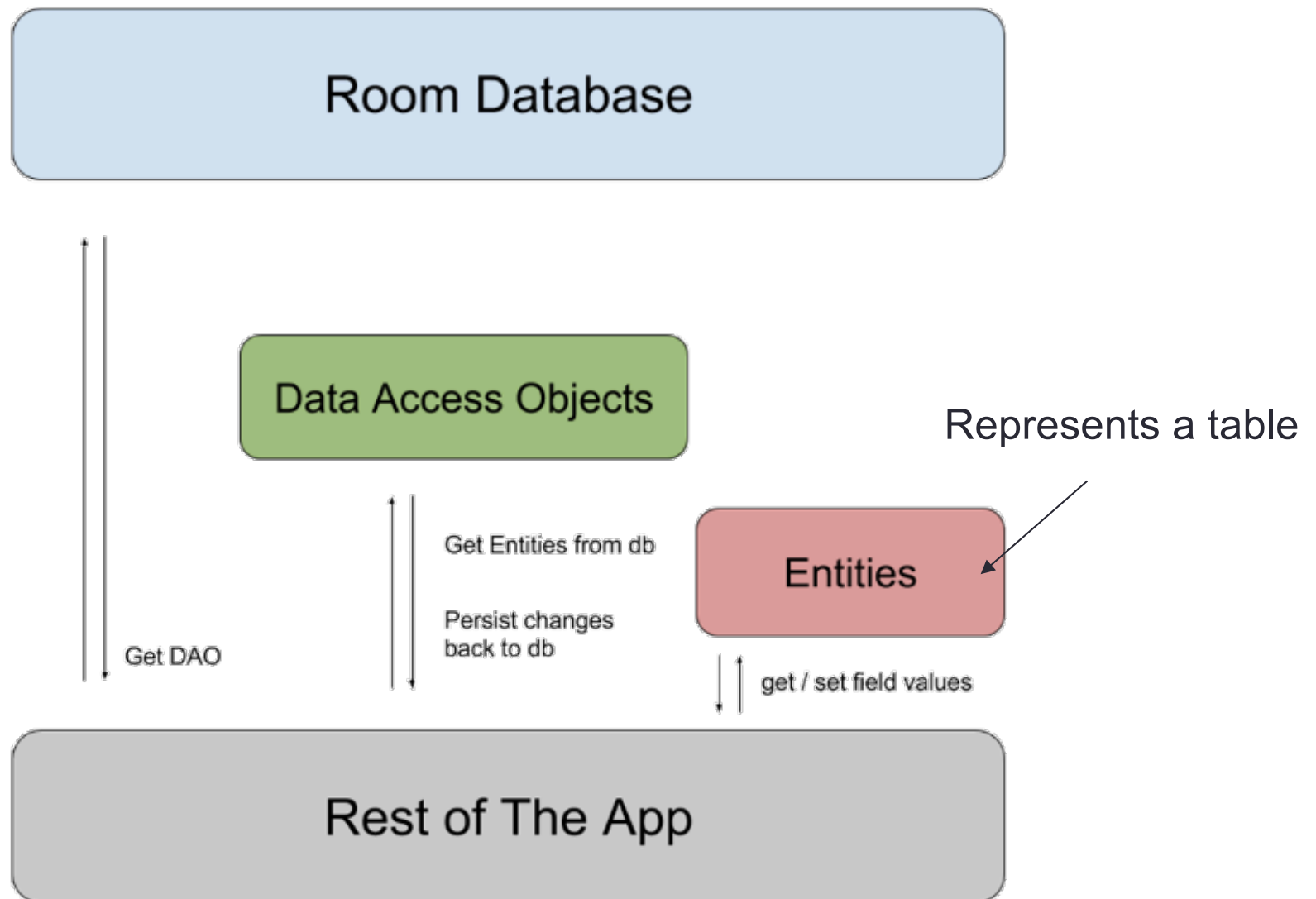
[Jetpack security](#) library

# Storage options [database]

- **SQLite**
  - Relational database for private data
  - Recommended access via **Room Persistence Library** (*androix*)
- **Room** provides an abstraction layer over SQLite to allow fluent database access while harnessing the full power of SQLite
- **Compile time verification** of SQL statement correctness



# RoomDatabase and DAO



# Example (define a DAO)

```
@Dao
```

```
public interface MovieDAO {
```

```
//CREATE
```

```
@Insert
```

```
void Create(Movie movie); //Create
```

```
//READ ONE MOVIE
```

```
@Query("SELECT * FROM tbl_movies WHERE mid=:mid")  
LiveData<Movie> Read(Integer mid);
```

```
//READ ALL MOVIES
```

```
@Query("SELECT * FROM tbl_movies")  
LiveData<List<Movie>> ReadAll();
```

```
//UPDATE
```

```
@Update
```

```
void Update(Movie movie);
```

```
//DELETE
```

```
@Delete
```

```
void Delete (Movie movie);
```

```
//DELETE ALL
```

```
@Query("DELETE FROM tbl_movies")  
void DeleteAll();
```

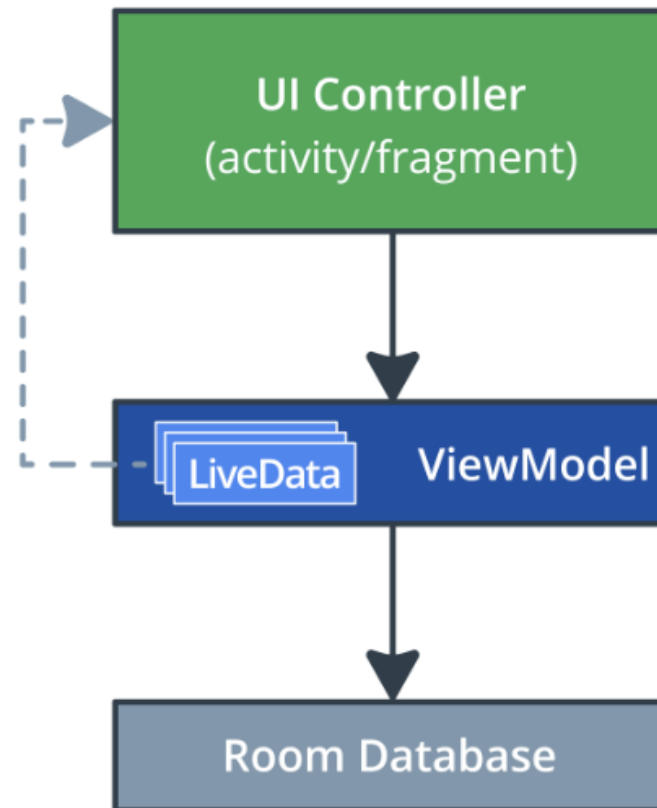
```
}
```

- Use **annotation @DAO** to mean that a class implements the interface to a DB
- Annotate the methods of the interface with SQL query it will trigger (**@QUERY, ..**)
- The actual query code is generated by the compiler
- SQL statements are then checked at compile time

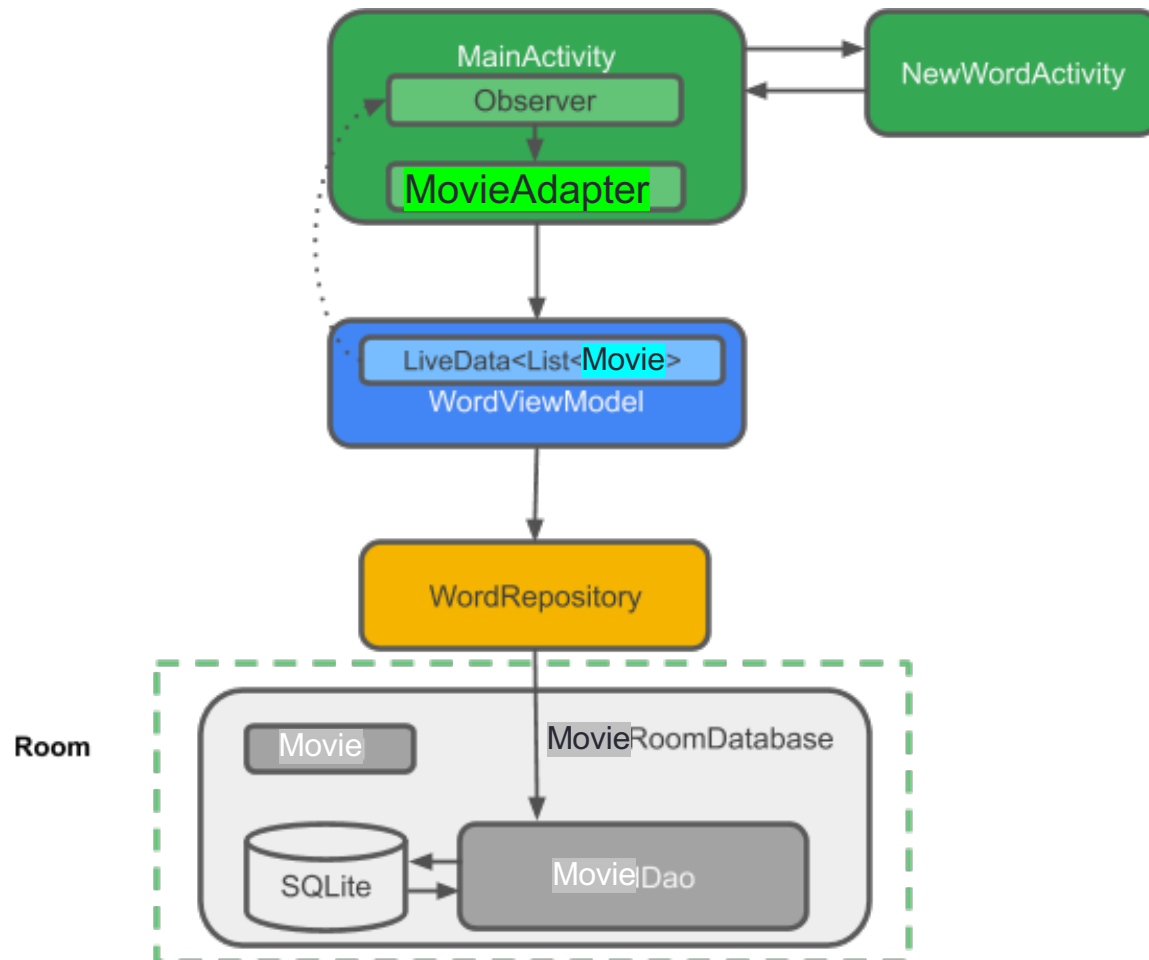
# Where Room is used

**LiveData** notifies observers  
when data changes

**ViewModel** makes  
data lifecycle-aware



# Room as Repository



# Example

```
@Database(entities = {Movie.class}, version = 1, exportSchema = false)
public abstract class MovieDB extends RoomDatabase

    public abstract MovieDAO movieDAO();
    private static volatile MovieDB INSTANCE;

    static MovieDB getDatabase(final Context context) {
        if (INSTANCE == null) {
            synchronized (MovieDB.class) {
                if (INSTANCE == null) {
                    INSTANCE = Room.databaseBuilder(context.getApplicationContext(),
                        MovieDB.class, "movie_database3")
                        .build();
                }
            }
        }
        return INSTANCE;
    }
}
```

# Entity

```
@Entity
data class Movie(
    @PrimaryKey val uid: Int,
    @ColumnInfo(name = "title") val title: String?,
    @ColumnInfo(name = "description") val description: String?
)
```

# LiveData

```
class NameActivity : AppCompatActivity() {  
  
    private val model: NameViewModel by viewModels()  
  
    override fun onCreate(savedInstanceState: Bundle?) {  
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState)  
  
        // Other code to setup the activity...  
  
        // Create the observer which updates the UI.  
        val nameObserver = Observer<String> { newName ->  
            // Update the UI, in this case, a TextView.  
            nameTextView.text = newName  
        }  
  
        // Observe the LiveData, passing in this activity as the LifecycleOwner and the  
        // observer.  
        model.currentName.observe(this, nameObserver)  
    }  
}
```

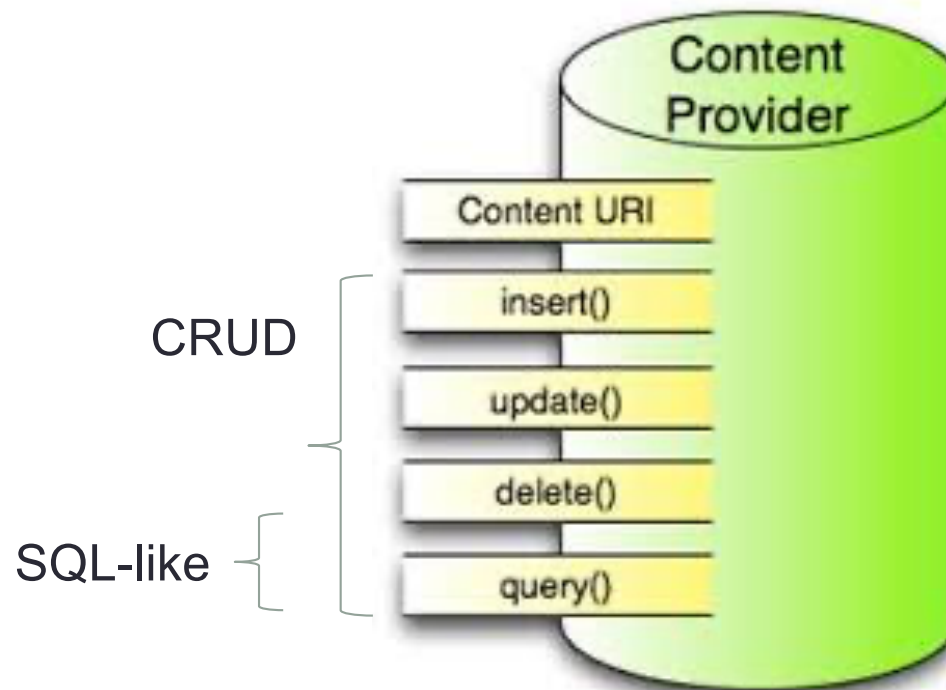
# LiveData

```
public LiveData<Movie> getMovie(int mid){  
    return mdb.movieDAO().Read(mid);  
    //return movie;  
}
```



# Storage options [Content Provider]

- A repository of information Share information among apps
- Full control of read/write access
- Uniform access interface
  - Can be implemented on a DB or file



# Main content providers

- **AlarmClock**
  - Alarms to fire
- **CallLog**
  - contains information about placed and received calls
- **Contact**
  - Stores all information about contacts.
- **Calendar**
  - Data stored in the 'calendar' (events, etc.)
- **MediaStore**
  - contains meta data for all available media on both internal and external storage devices.
- **Settings**
  - global system-level device preferences
- **User Dictionary**
  - user defined words for input methods to use for predictive text input
- **Whatsup**

# Content Provider URI

- *content://authority/path/id*
  - **Content** = means one want to access a content provider
  - **Authority** = name of the content provider
  - **Path** = 0 or more segments indicating the data to be accessed
  - **Id** = specific item
- For example:
  - **content://com.android.contacts/contacts/directory=0/photo\_id/12**

# Access to a content provider

- A content provider can be accessed launching an application that manages the provider
- This allows any app to access the content using an **Intent** targeting the provider
- For example
  - Alarm, Calendar, Contacts
  - Whatsup
  - ...

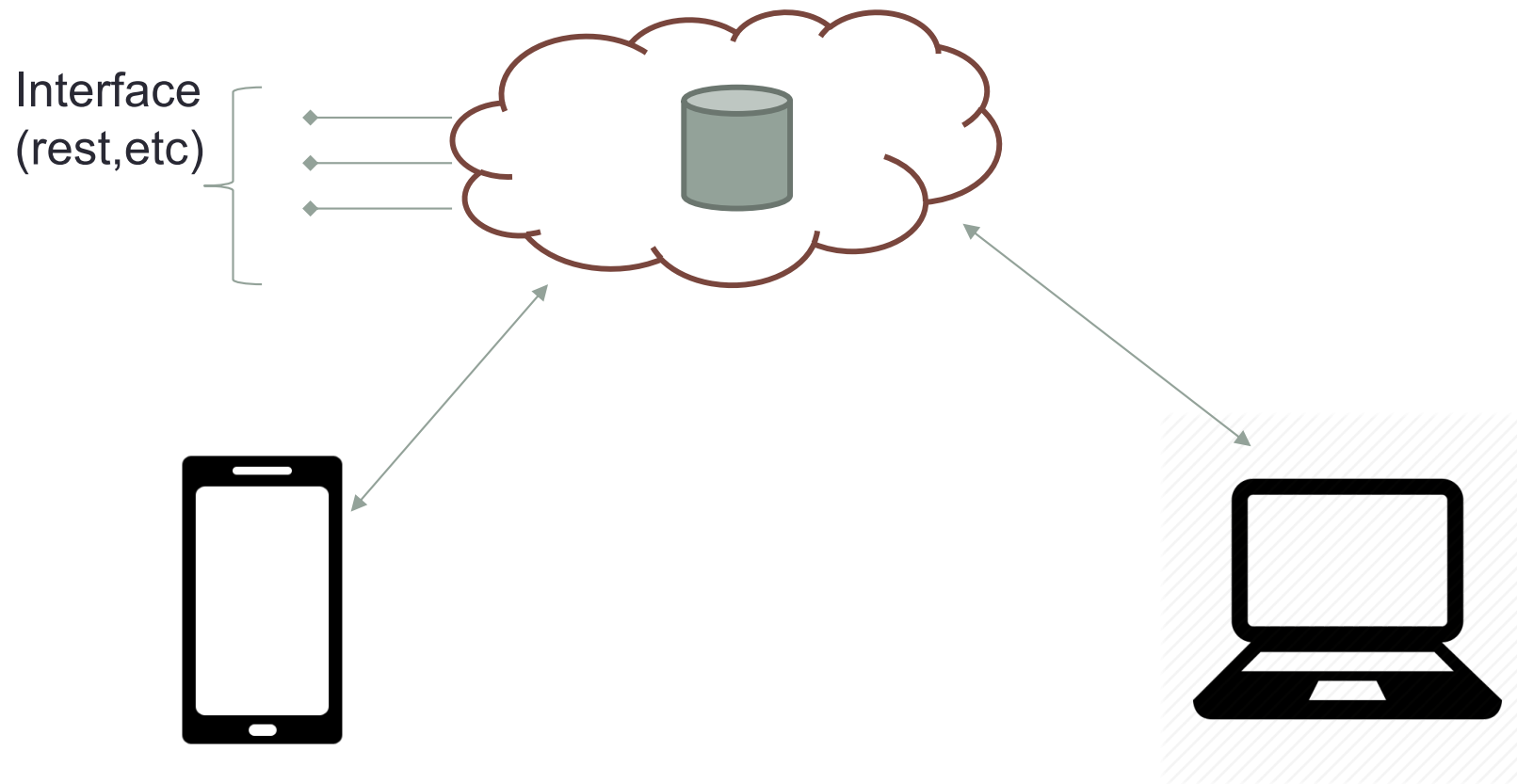
# Some example

- *//<uses-permission android:name="com.android.alarm.permission.SET\_ALARM" />*  
**val** i = **Intent**(AlarmClock.**ACTION\_SET\_ALARM**)  
startActivity(i)

# Example

```
Calendar beginTime = Calendar.getInstance();
beginTime.set(year: 2018, month: 1, date: 31, hourOfDay: 9, minute: 30);
Calendar endTime = Calendar.getInstance();
endTime.set(year: 2018, month: 1, date: 31, hourOfDay: 15, minute: 0);
Intent intent = new Intent(Intent.ACTION_INSERT).
    setData(CalendarContract.Events.CONTENT_URI).
    putExtra(CalendarContract.EXTRA_EVENT_BEGIN_TIME, beginTime.getTimeInMillis()).
    putExtra(CalendarContract.EXTRA_EVENT_END_TIME, endTime.getTimeInMillis()).
    putExtra(CalendarContract.Events.TITLE, value: "MACC Exam").
    putExtra(CalendarContract.Events.EVENT_LOCATION, value: "Room 41, Via Eudossiana");
startActivity(intent);
```

# Example: Google calendar Provider



# MediaStore provider

- The Media provider contains meta data for all available media on both internal and external storage devices.

class	<a href="#">MediaStore.Audio</a> Container for all audio content.
class	<a href="#">MediaStore.Files</a> Media provider table containing an index of all files in the media storage, including non-media files.
class	<a href="#">MediaStore.Images</a> Contains meta data for all available images.
interface	<a href="#">MediaStore.MediaColumns</a> Common fields for most MediaProvider tables
class	<a href="#">MediaStore.Video</a>



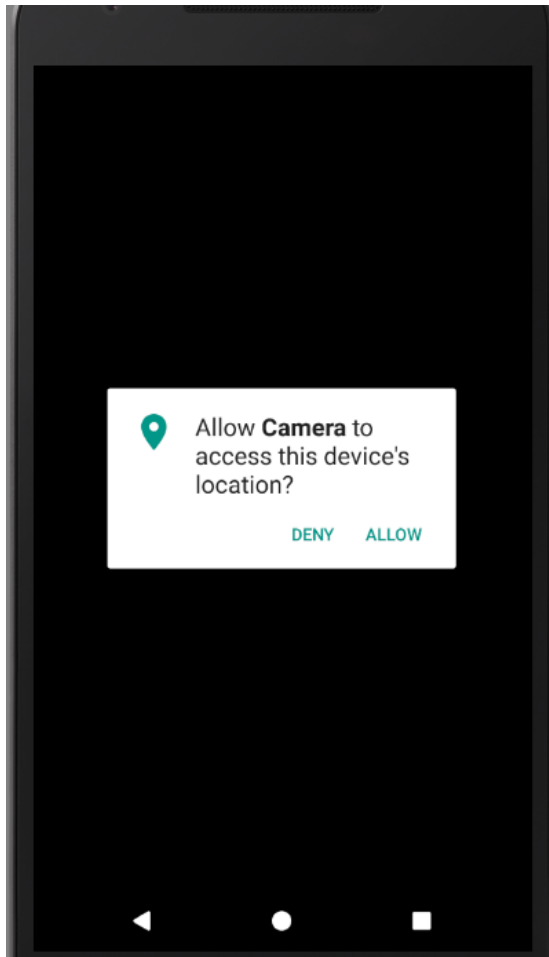
# Example: take a picture

```
@Override
protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
    super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
    setContentView(R.layout.activity_main);
}

private void takePicture() {
    Intent takePictureIntent = new Intent(MediaStore.ACTION_IMAGE_CAPTURE);
    if (takePictureIntent.resolveActivity(getPackageManager()) != null) {
        startActivityForResult(takePictureIntent, REQUEST_IMAGE_CAPTURE);
    }
}

@Override
protected void onActivityResult(int requestCode, int resultCode, Intent data) {
    if (requestCode == REQUEST_IMAGE_CAPTURE && resultCode == RESULT_OK) {
        Bundle extras = data.getExtras();
        Bitmap imageBitmap = (Bitmap) extras.get("data");
        imageView.setImageBitmap(imageBitmap);
    }
}
```

# Example: take a picture

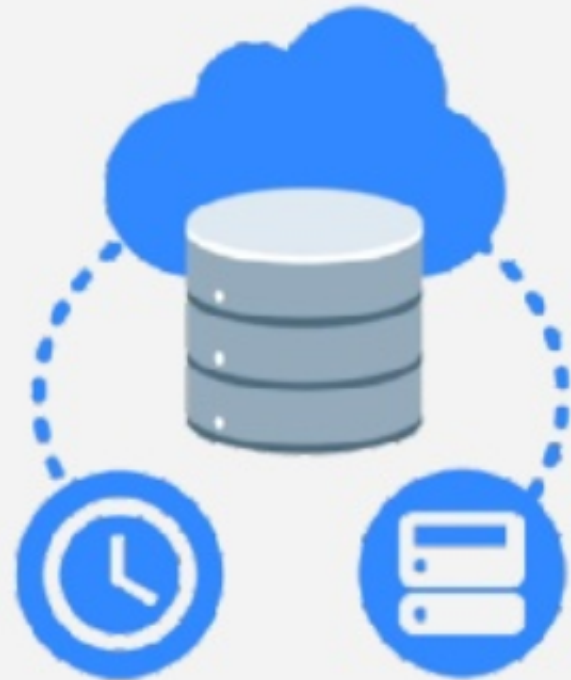


# Cloud storage: example

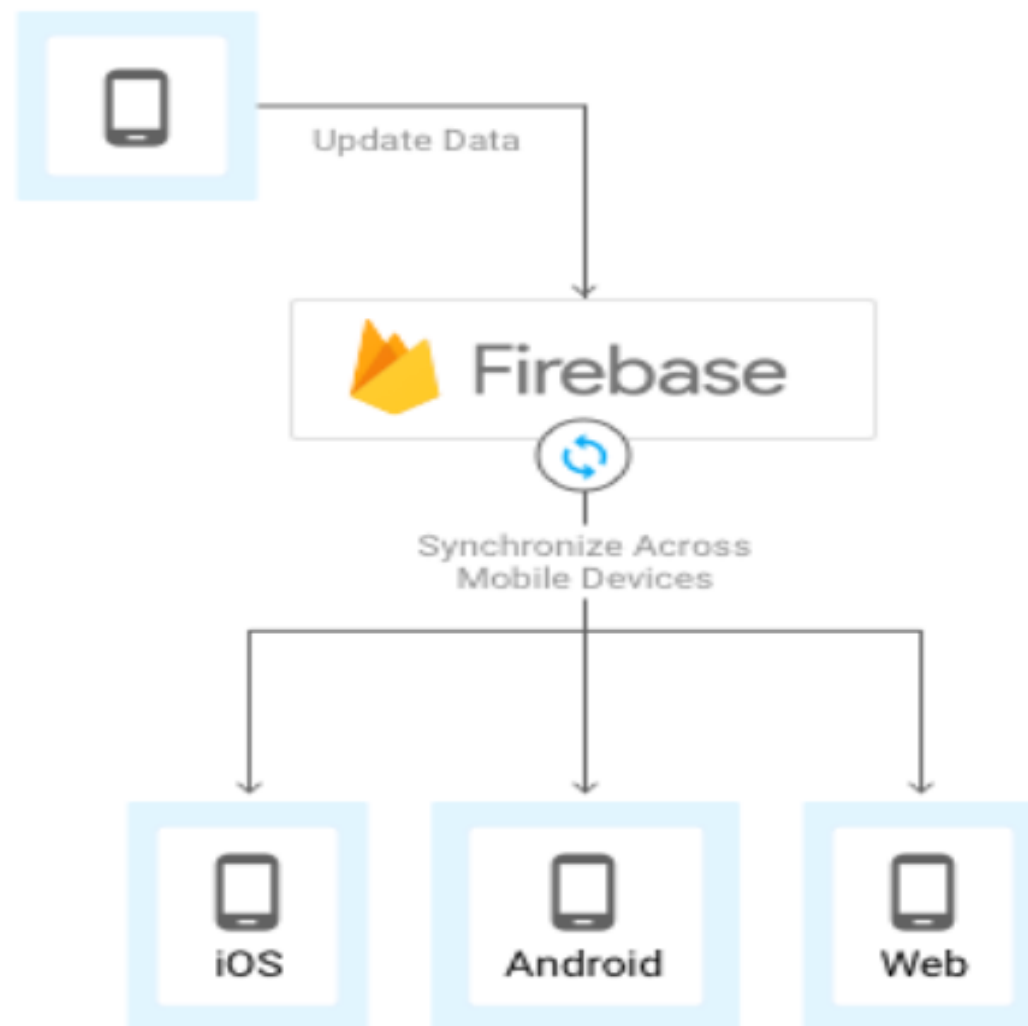


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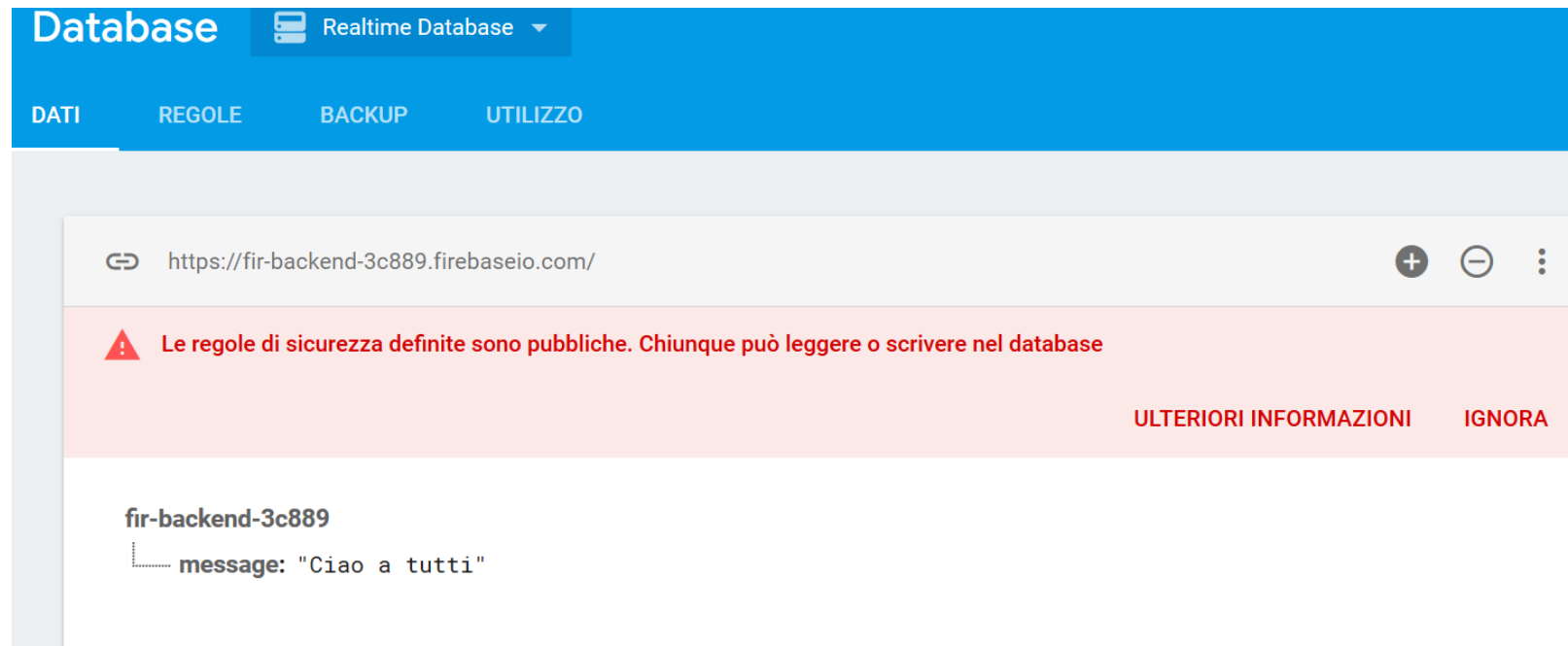
- Cloud-hosted NoSQL database
- Synchronization & conflict resolution
- Access directly from your app



# Firestore: Real time db



# Exampe



# Example

```
import com.google.firebase.database.DataSnapshot;
import com.google.firebase.database.DatabaseError;
import com.google.firebase.database.DatabaseReference;
import com.google.firebase.database.FirebaseDatabase;
import com.google.firebase.database.ValueEventListener;

protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
    super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
    setContentView(R.layout.activity_main);
    FirebaseDatabase database = FirebaseDatabase.getInstance();
    myRef = database.getReference("message");
    myRef.setValue("");
    editText = (EditText) findViewById(R.id.messageToSend);

    myRef.addValueEventListener(new ValueEventListener() {
        @Override
        public void onDataChange(DataSnapshot dataSnapshot) {
            String value = dataSnapshot.getValue(String.class);
            ((TextView) findViewById(R.id.messageReceived)).setText(value);
        }

        @Override
        public void onCancelled(DatabaseError error) {
            // Failed to read value
            Log.w(TAG, "Failed to read value.", error.toException());
        }
    });
}
```