Lab 12.2 – Making JSON Calls

Overview:

In this lab you will get and retrieve data from a cloud-based service provider.

| Step | Description |
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| 1. | Write code to make HTTP request to get all events |
| a. | In the package "com.garagze.service" create a new class called " EventJsonService" which implements " com.garagze.service.EventService". Then create a method to make an Http request to the server and to return a string containing the JSON representation of the returned event objects. |
| | Start by creating a method named "readEventFeed" which returns a string. |
| | <pre>public String readEventFeed() {</pre> |
| | Create a new HttpClient. |
| | <pre>HttpClient client = new DefaultHttpClient();</pre> |
| | Create the Http request and submit it to the server. |
| | <pre>String DOMAIN = http://garagze.appspot.com/mobile/; String QUERY = "api?type=event&action=getAllEvents"; String Url = DOMAIN + REQUEST; HttpGet httpGet = new HttpGet(Url); HttpResponse response = client.execute(httpGet);</pre> |
| | Get an input stream from the response object and process it |
| | <pre>StringBuilder builder = new StringBuilder(); HttpEntity entity = response.getEntity(); InputStream content = entity.getContent(); BufferedReader reader = new BufferedReader(new InputStreamReader(content)); String line; while ((line = reader.readLine()) != null) { builder.append(line); }</pre> |
| | <pre>StatusLine statusLine = response.getStatusLine(); int statusCode = statusLine.getStatusCode();</pre> |
| | The code will return a JSON string from the server. |
| 2. | Write code to parse JSON into event objects (org.json) |
| 3. | Test code. |

| 4. | Write code to create JSON from event |
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| 5. | Write code to make HTTP Post request to add a new event |
| 6. | Test code. |
| 7. | Optional. Replace json.org classes with Google's gson framework. Which do you prefer? |