Activities & Preference

Today's Overview

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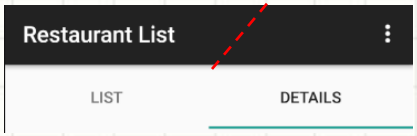
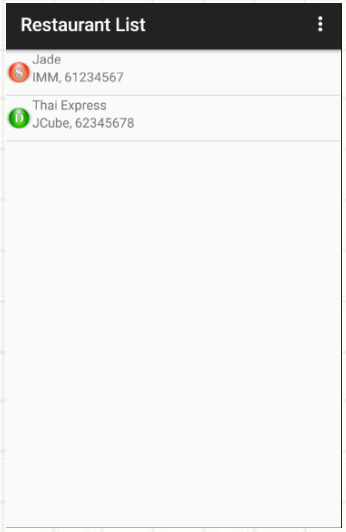
Activities

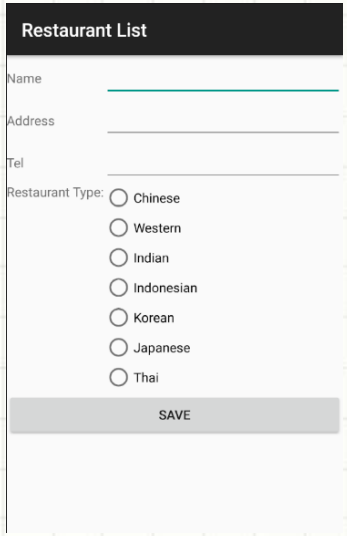
Activity

- In first part of Practical 4 exercise, the *RestaurantActivity* will be split into two Activities
  - one *AppCompatActivity (RestaurantList)* to handle 'List' UI view
  - one *AppCompatActivity (DetailForm)* to handle 'Details' form UI view





RestaurantList.java



DetailForm.java

Activity

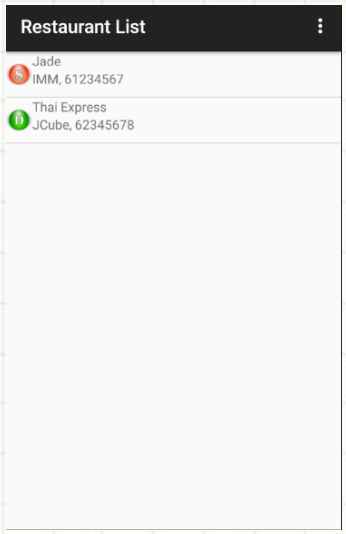
- Let's check what do we need to modify from the previous exercise to split the UI views to be controlled by separate *Activity*?
  - Model - Any change in Data Model?
  - View - Do you need to modify any of the user interface view?
  - Controller - Do you need to tell the Controller to do any thing new?

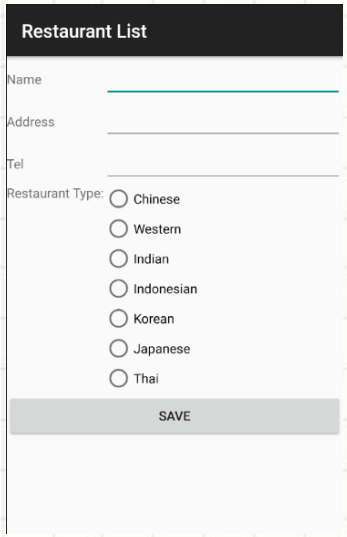
Activity

- Model - NO
- View - YES

the UI View will be split into to separate XML layout files

- ✓ *main.xml* layout for 'List' UI view
- ✓ *detail_form.xml* for 'Details' form UI view

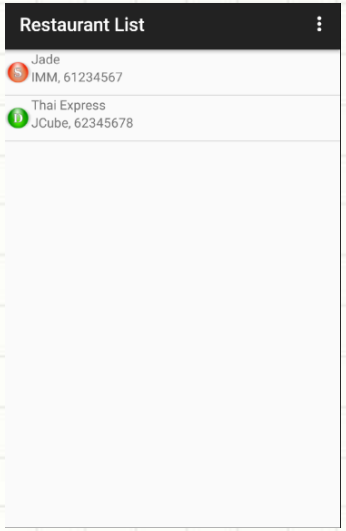




Activity

- View - YES

  an “Add” MENU option is created at the bottom of the UI View for adding new restaurant data to the restaurants table Model. The *option.xml* layout file in **res/menu** folder will control the View



Activity

- Controller - YES

  it will be slit into two Controller activities

  - ✓ *RestaurantList AppCompatActivity* Controller – to handle 'List' UI view update from *Cursor* Model, calling *DetailForm.java* Activity through Explicit Intent and handle MENU option presses
  - ✓ *DetailForm AppCompatActivity* Controller – to handle restaurants table Model for new record adding

UI View - Separate Layouts & Option Menu

View

‘Details’ Form UI View

- The layout for showing ‘Details’ form is taken out from the *main.xml* layout and saved as a separated layout file *detail_form.xml* in **res/layout** folder

View
detail_form.xml Listing

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<android.support.constraint.ConstraintLayout xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
    xmlns:app="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res-auto"
    xmlns:tools="http://schemas.android.com/tools"
    android:layout_width="match_parent"
    android:layout_height="match_parent"
    tools:context="com.sp.restaurantlist.RestaurantList">

    <ScrollView
        android:layout_width="match_parent"
        android:layout_height="match_parent"
        android:layout_marginBottom="0dp"
        android:layout_marginEnd="8dp"
        android:layout_marginStart="8dp"
        android:layout_marginTop="0dp"
        app:layout_constraintBottom_toBottomOf="parent"
        app:layout_constraintLeft_toLeftOf="parent"
        app:layout_constraintRight_toRightOf="parent"
        app:layout_constraintTop_toTopOf="parent"
        tools:layout_constraintBottom_creator="1"
        tools:layout_constraintLeft_creator="1"
        tools:layout_constraintRight_creator="1"
        tools:layout_constraintTop_creator="1">

        <LinearLayout
            android:id="@+id/details_tab"
            android:layout_width="match_parent"
            android:layout_height="wrap_content"
            android:orientation="vertical">

            <TableLayout
                android:layout_width="match_parent"
                android:layout_height="match_parent"
                android:stretchColumns="1">
```

View
detail_form.xml Listing

```
143                     <RadioButton
144                         android:id="@+id/japanese"
145                         android:layout_width="wrap_content"
146                         android:layout_height="wrap_content"
147                         android:layout_weight="1"
148                         android:text="Japanese" />
149
150                     <RadioButton
151                         android:id="@+id/thai"
152                         android:layout_width="wrap_content"
153                         android:layout_height="wrap_content"
154                         android:layout_weight="1"
155                         android:text="Thai" />
156                 </RadioGroup>
157             </TableRow>
158         </TableLayout>
159
160         <Button
161             android:id="@+id/button_save"
162             android:layout_width="match_parent"
163             android:layout_height="wrap_content"
164             android:text="Save" />
165     </LinearLayout>
166 </ScrollView>
167
168 </android.support.constraint.ConstraintLayout>
```

View

'List' UI View

- The *main.xml* layout contains only *ListView* layout to display records saved and a *TextView* to display an instruction message

```
<FrameLayout
    android:layout_width="match_parent"
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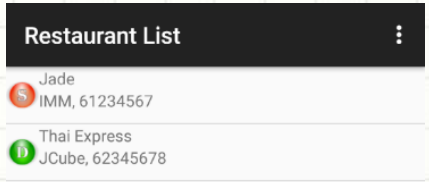
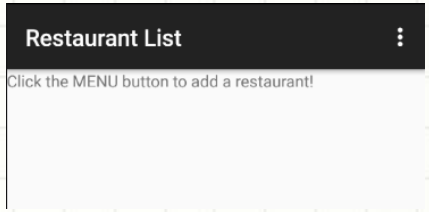
    <ListView
        android:id="@+id/list"
        android:layout_width="match_parent"
        android:layout_height="match_parent" />

    <LinearLayout
        android:layout_width="match_parent"
        android:layout_height="match_parent"
        android:orientation="vertical">

        <TextView
            android:id="@+id/empty"
            android:layout_width="match_parent"
            android:layout_height="wrap_content"
            android:text="Click the MENU button to add a restaurant!" />
    </LinearLayout>

</FrameLayout>
```



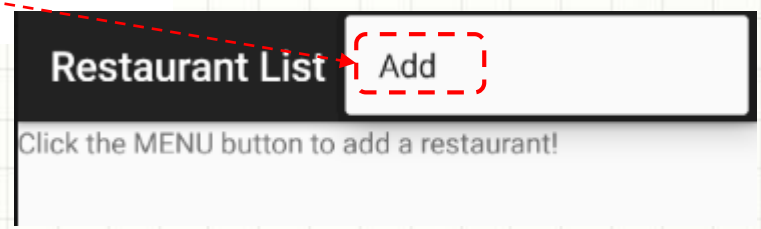


View

Add Menu Option

- The *option.xml* layout file under **res/menu** folder will be modified to show “Add” MENU option

```
1   <?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
2   <menu xmlns:app="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res-auto"
3       xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android">
4
5       <item
6           android:id="@+id/add"
7           android:title="Add" />
8   </menu>
```



Controller – Explicit Intent & Option Menu

Controller

- The Controller tasks are split and handled by individual activities (*RestaurantList* and *DetailForm*)
- *RestaurantList* takes care of *ListView* item. When ‘Add’ MENU item is selected, it will then activate the *DetailForm Activity* to load the ‘Details’ form UI View

Controller

- *RestaurantList* also takes care of *ListView* and *Cursor* Model update for ‘List’ UI View through *CursorAdapter*
- *DetailForm Activity* handles ‘Details’ form UI View and interaction of restaurant table Model through *RestaurantHelper*

Data Updating

Activity

- In second part of Practical 4 exercise, an extra feature is added to allow user to update the existing restaurant data and save

Activity

- Let's check what do we need to modify from the previous exercise to allow restaurant data to be updated?
  - Model - Any change in Data Model?
  - View - Do you need to modify any of the user interface view?
  - Controller - Do you need to tell the Controller to do any thing new?

Activity

- Model - YES

  to add in two new methods to *RestaurantHelper*

  - ✓ getById() - to retrieve existing record from restaurants_table Model with the specified record ‘ID’ provided
  - ✓ update() - to update edited record to restaurants_table Model with the specified record ‘ID’ provided

Activity

- View - NO
- Controller - YES
  - ✓ onListClick - to handle 'List' item selection at 'List' UI View, get the record ID and pass to *DetailForm* Controller
  - ✓ DetailForm - to decide update record or insert new record to restaurants_table data model

Model – RestaurantHelper

Model

RestaurantHelper Model

- There is no change in restaurant table Model. The data elements will remain unchanged
- Due to the extra features in retrieving and updating existing record , the *RestaurantHelper* will be added with three new methods for the purpose

Model

RestaurantHelper Model

- Method to retrieve record from the restaurants_table model by record “_id” field

```
public Cursor getById(String id) {
    String[] args = {id};

    return (getReadableDatabase().rawQuery(
            "SELECT _id, restaurantName, restaurantAddress, restaurantTel, restaurantType " +
                    "FROM restaurants_table WHERE _ID=?", args));
}
```

Model

RestaurantHelper Model

- Method to update existing record to the restaurants_table model by record "_id" field

```
public void update(String id, String restaurantName, String restaurantAddress,
                   String restaurantTel, String restaurantType) {
    ContentValues cv = new ContentValues();
    String[] args = {id};
    cv.put("restaurantName", restaurantName);
    cv.put("restaurantAddress", restaurantAddress);
    cv.put("restaurantTel", restaurantTel);
    cv.put("restaurantType", restaurantType);

    getWritableDatabase().update("restaurants_table", cv, "_ID=?", args);
}
```

Model

RestaurantHelper Model

- Method to get the value of the "_id" field of the record read from restaurants_table model

```
public Cursor getById(String id) {
    String[] args = {id};

    return (getReadableDatabase().rawQuery(
            "SELECT _id, restaurantName, restaurantAddress, restaurantTel, restaurantType " +
                    "FROM restaurants_table WHERE _ID=?", args));
}
```

```
public String getID(Cursor c) {
    return (c.getString(0));
}
```

Controller – ‘List’ Item Select & Passing ‘ID’

Controller

- Detect ‘List’ item click through OnItemClickListener and make an Explicit Intent call to *DetailForm*
- Pass the record ID over to ‘Details’ form using Intent putExtra method

```
private AdapterView.OnItemClickListener onListClick = new
        AdapterView.OnItemClickListener() {
            public void onItemClick(AdapterView<?> parent, View view, int position, long id) {
                model.moveToPosition(position);
                String recordID = helper.getID(model);
                Intent intent;
                intent = new Intent(RestaurantList.this, DetailForm.class);
                intent.putExtra("ID", recordID);
                startActivity(intent);
            }
        };
```

Controller

- *DetailForm* Activity uses the getIntent.getStringExtra to retrieve the 'ID' string passed over by *RestaurantList AppCompatActivity* and save to local variable restaurantID

```
restaurantID = getIntent().getStringExtra("ID");
```

Controller

- How does *DetailForm* able to differentiate whether the *Explicit Intent* calls from *RestaurantList* (Call 1 - 'Add' MENU item is selected; Call 2 - 'List' Item is selected) is to add new restaurant record or to update existing restaurant record when "Save" button is pressed?

Controller

- The solution is to check the restaurantID value
- For adding new record, the Explicit Intent Call will not pass and 'ID' to 'Details' form i.e. restaurantID equals to 'null'

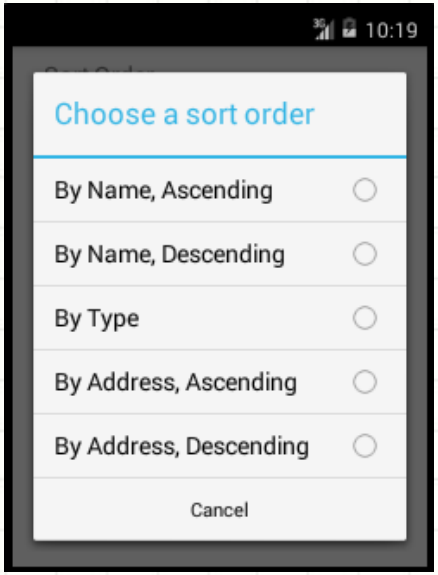
```
restaurantID = getIntent().getStringExtra("ID");
```

```
if (restaurantID == null) {
    helper.insert(nameStr, addrStr, telStr, restType);
} else {
    helper.update(restaurantID, nameStr, addrStr, telStr, restType);
}
```

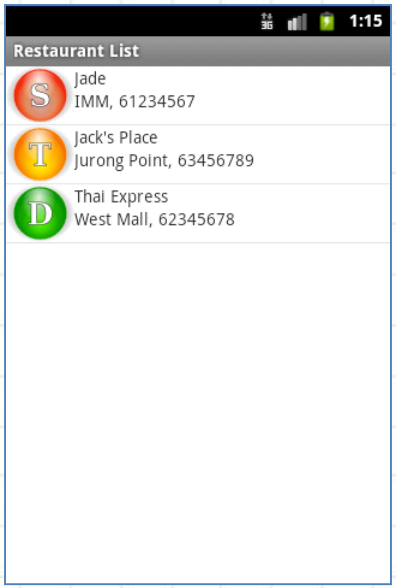
PREFERENCE

Preference

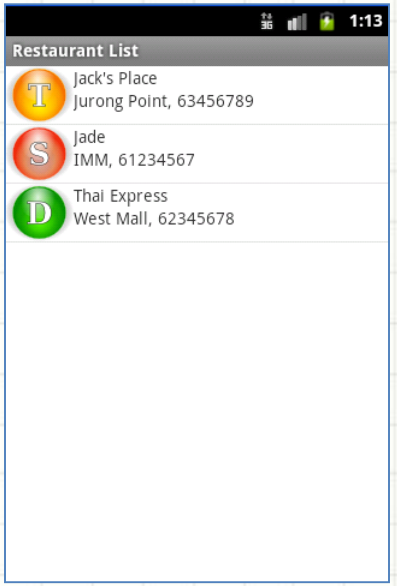
- In third part of Practical 4 exercise, a preference setting for sorting the order of restaurant list is introduced



Sort Preference Setting



List sorted by Address in ascending order



List sorted by Name in ascending order

Preference

- Let’s check what do we need to modify from the previous exercise to allow user to set sorting preference on records displayed in ‘List’ UI View?
  - Model - Any change in Data Model?
  - View - Do you need to modify any of the user interface view?
  - Controller - Do you need to tell the Controller to do any thing new?

Preference

- Model - YES

  the getAll() method will be changed to allow restaurant records read from *restaurants_table* Data Model in preference sorting order

Preference

- View - YES

  an extra **MENU** item “Setting” is added to the *option.xml* layout. When selected, a *preferences.xml* layout will be shown on UI View

Preference

- Controller - YES

  EditPreferences, sub-class of *PreferenceActivity*, is used to handle preference selection and control the sort order through capturing the *SharedPreference* changed

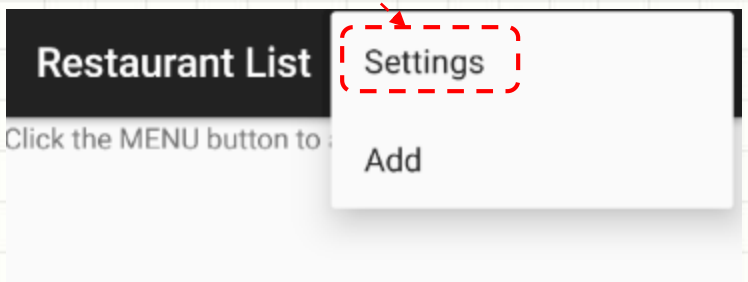
View – Preference

View

- An extra MENU option item “Setting” is added to *option.xml* layout for UI View

```
1  <?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
2  <menu xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android">
3
4      <item
5          android:id="@+id/prefs"
6          android:title="Settings" />
7
8      <item
9          android:id="@+id/add"
10         android:title="Add" />
11 </menu>
```

Listing - options.xml



View

- The preference view is constructed by *preferences.xml* layout file and *arrays.xml* file for the pop-up choices

```
<PreferenceScreen
  xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android">
  <ListPreference
    android:key="sort_order"
    android:title="Sort Order"
    android:summary="Choose the order the list uses"
    android:entries="@array/sort_names"
    android:entryValues="@array/sort_clauses"
    android:dialogTitle="Choose a sort order" />
</PreferenceScreen>
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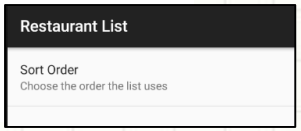
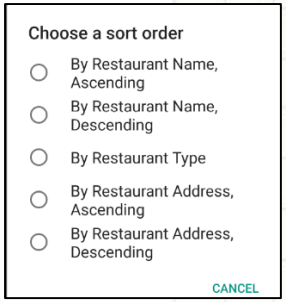


Listing - preferences.xml

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<resources>
    <string-array name="sort_names">
        <item>By Restaurant Name, Ascending</item>
        <item>By Restaurant Name, Descending</item>
        <item>By Restaurant Type</item>
        <item>By Restaurant Address, Ascending</item>
        <item>By Restaurant Address, Descending</item>
    </string-array>
    <string-array name="sort_clauses">
        <item>restaurantName ASC</item>
        <item>restaurantName DESC</item>
        <item>restaurantType ASC</item>
        <item>restaurantAddress ASC</item>
        <item>restaurantAddress DESC</item>
    </string-array>
</resources>
```



Listing - arrays.xml

Model - RestaurantHelper

Model

- The getAll method in *RestaurantHelper.java* is changed to allow records in restaurants table Model to be retrieved in a specific display order to *Cursor* Model which is used for rows in *ListView*

```
/* Read all records from restaurants_table */
public Cursor getAll(String orderBy) {
    return (getReadableDatabase().rawQuery(
            "SELECT _id, restaurantName, restaurantAddress, restaurantTel, " +
                    "restaurantType FROM restaurants_table ORDER BY " + orderBy, null));
}
```

Controller – Setting up

Controller

- Android provides several options for you to save persistent application
- One of the data storage option is Shared Preferences which stores private primitive data in key-value pairs

Controller

- *EditPreferences*, sub-class of **PreferenceActivity**, provides an Activity framework for you to create user preferences data for your application, which will automatically persists (using Shared Preference)
- *RestaurantList* initializes variable 'prefs' to be the *SharedPreferences* of *EditPreferences* Activity

```
prefs = PreferenceManager.getDefaultSharedPreferences(this);
```

Controller

- If user has not specified a sort_order, "*restaurantName*" will be used as default sort value to retrieve records from *restaurants_table* Model to Cursor Model

```
Cursor model = null;

model = helper.getAll(prefs.getString("sort order", "restaurantName"));
```

Controller

- In order for the *RestaurantList* to be able to capture any change of sort order preference at *preferences.xml* layout View, *SharedPreferences* has the notion of a preference listener object, to be notified on such changes

```
prefs.registerOnSharedPreferenceChangeListener(prefListener);
```

```
private SharedPreferences.OnSharedPreferenceChangeListener prefListener
                        = new SharedPreferences.OnSharedPreferenceChangeListener() {
    public void onSharedPreferenceChanged(SharedPreferences sharedPrefs,
            String key) {
        if (key.equals("sort_order")) {
            initList();
        }
    }
};
```

Controller

- In the initList() method, the model.close() will cause the old *Cursor* to be ignored and followed by getting a fresh *Cursor* representing new sort order list through getAll(….) method and update the ListView through adapter.swapCursor(model)

```
private void initList() {
    if (model != null) {
        model.close();
    }
    model = helper.getAll(prefs.getString( s: "sort_order",  s1: "restaurantName"));
    adapter.swapCursor(model);
}
```

END