

SQLite Techniques

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SQLite is....

- Single-user
- File-based
- Simple
- Cross Platform
- A subset of full ANSI SQL

SQLite API

- Pure C API
- Lots of strange-looking, hard to debug code
- Best choice is to abstract it away

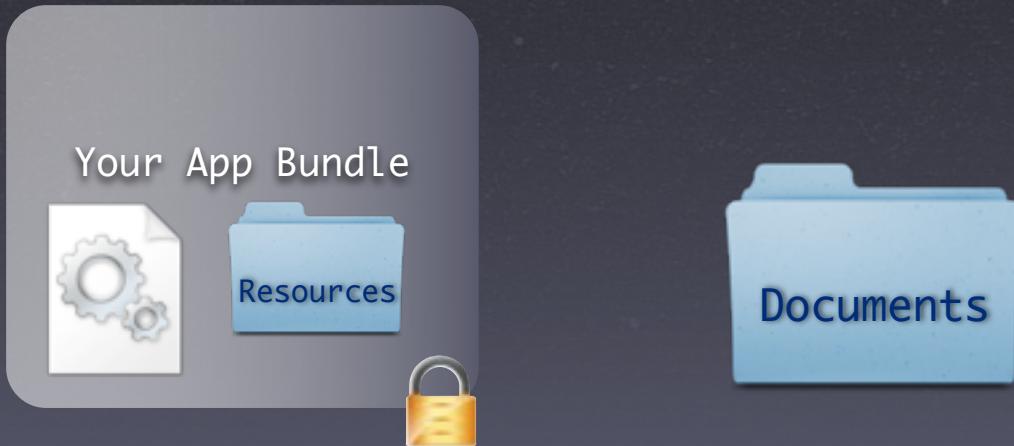
SQLite Tools

- SQLite Manager Add-in for Firefox
- sqlite3 command line utility

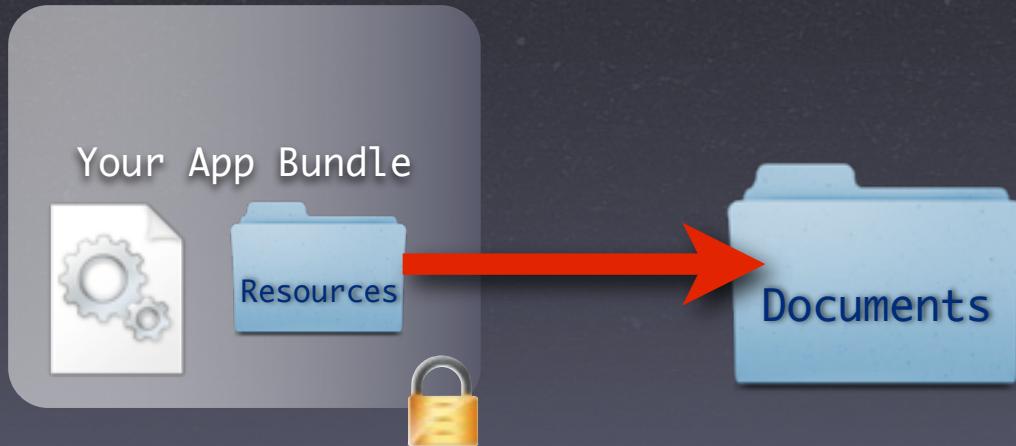
Writable Databases

- Your app bundle is signed!
- (That means the contents can't change)

Your App Sandbox



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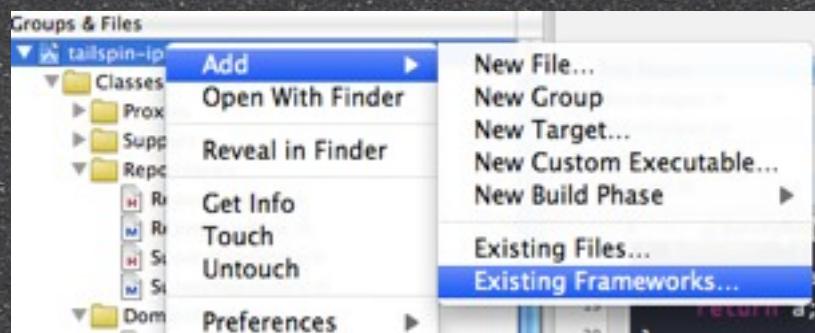
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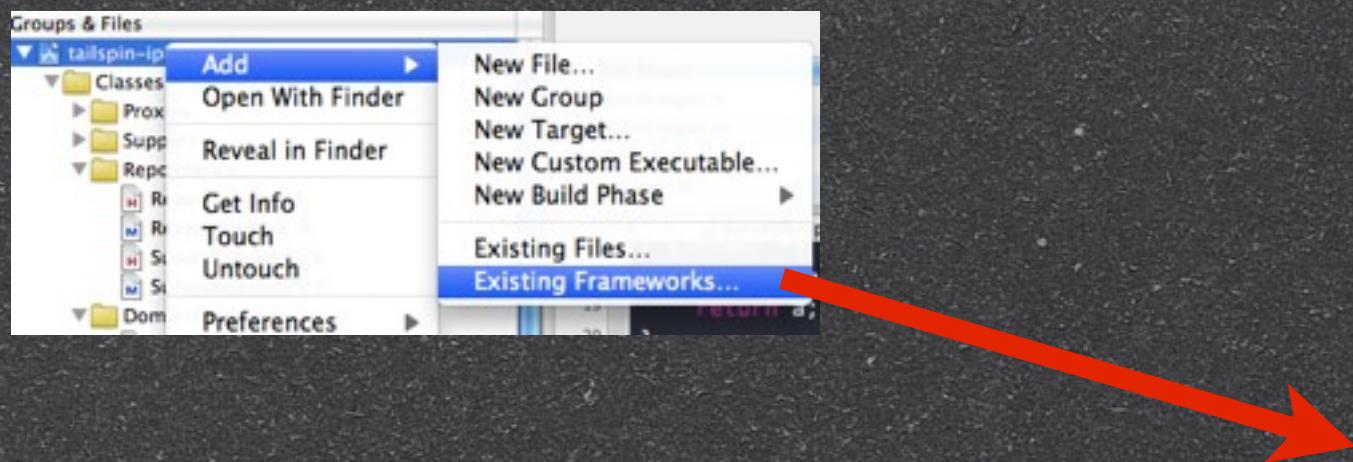
SQLite API Basics

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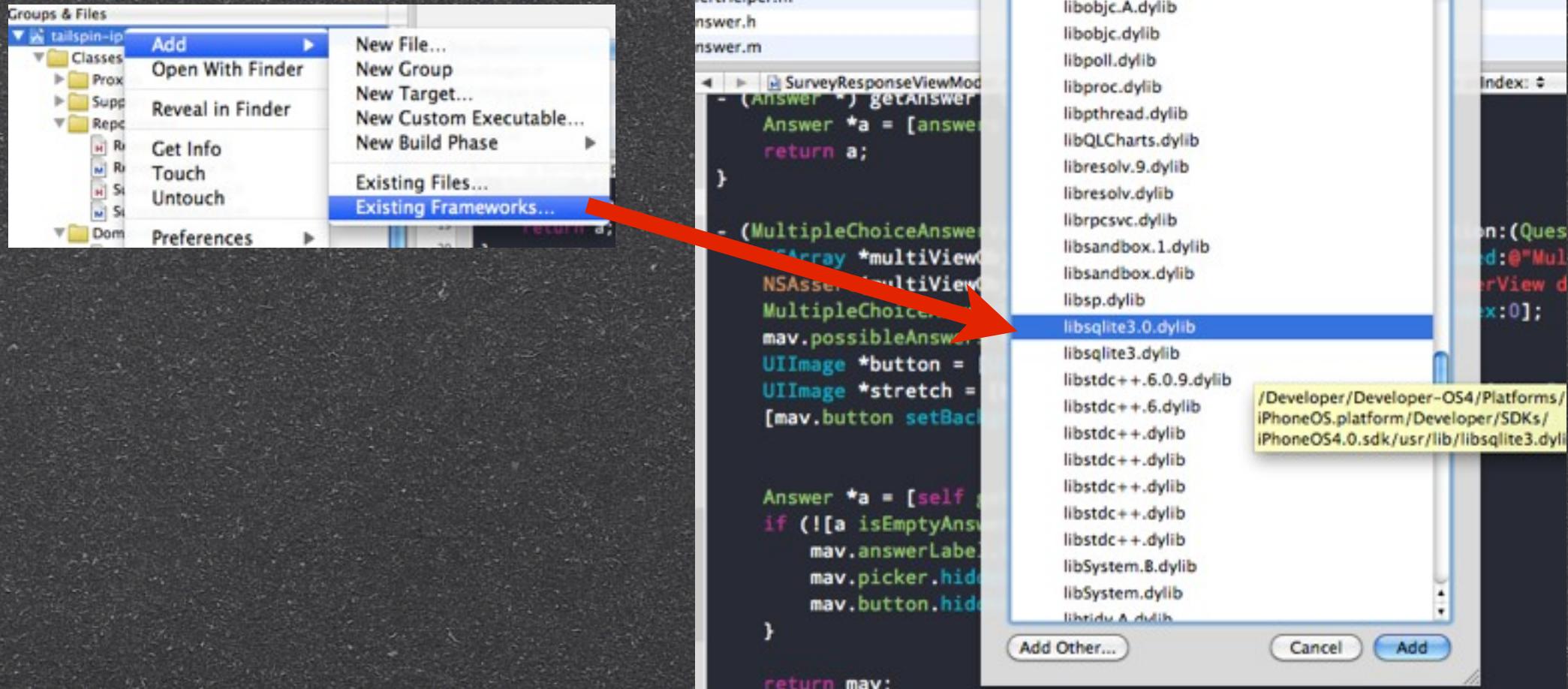
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More Powerful

Unfortunately much more code!

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What about updates?

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- If we did, your customers would lose data

Migrations

- Concept from Ruby on Rails
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Hand-rolled Database Migrator



DEMO

FMDB Migration Manager

- <http://github.com/mocra/fmdb-migration-manager>

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    [CreateStaffMembers migration], // 2  
    [AddStudentNumberToStudents migration], // 3  
    nil  
];  
[FmdbMigrationManager executeForDatabasePath:@"/tmp/tmp.db"  
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```
@interface CreateStudents : FmdbMigration
{
}
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@implementation CreateStudents
- (void)up {
    [self createTable:@"students" withColumns:[NSArray arrayWithObjects:
        [FmdbMigrationColumn columnWithColumnName:@"first_name" columnType:@"string"],
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- (void)down {
    [self dropTable:@"students"];
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ActiveRecord

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[p save];
```

```
Person *p = [Person personWithId:5];
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Aptiva's ActiveRecord

- <http://github.com/aptiva/activerecord>

(YMMV)

Questions?