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DEVELOPING DYNAMIC APPLICATIONS

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RECAP

Week 1

Learning Objectives

1. Set up Firebase
2. Working with JSON
3. Working with Firebase

C# + Unity + JSON

JsonUtilityToJson

Declaration

```
public static string ToJson(object obj);
```

Declaration

```
public static string ToJson(object obj, bool prettyPrint);
```

Parameters

obj	The object to convert to JSON form.
prettyPrint	If true, format the output for readability. If false, format the output for minimum size. Default is false.

Generate a JSON representation of the **public** fields of an object.

COVERAGE

Week 2

Learning Objectives

1. JSON Tree & Data Manipulation
2. Querying Data in Firebase
3. CRUD
4. Authentication w/ Firebase
5. CA: Data Challenge - Creating a CRUD
6. CA: Design your Logins & Leaderboards

FIREBASE

#JSONTREE



C# Classes w/ JSON - Things to Note

```
/* Example of a User class */
```

```
public class User
```

```
{  
    //public - access modifiers (seen outside the class)  
    //required when we are using JsonUtility  
    public string username;  
    public string email;
```

Got to set class properties to **public** access modifier
Required when we want to use JsonUtilityToJson()

```
//private is default for all classes in c#  
//private only seen inside the class  
private int age = 10;
```

This property age won't be ported over when using
JsonUtilityToJson()

```
//empty constructor
```

```
public User()
```

```
{
```

```
}
```

```
//constructor with 2 values
```

```
public User(string username, string email)
```

```
{
```

```
    //this refers to the properties in the class  
    this.username = username;  
    this.email = email;
```

```
}
```

<https://docs.unity3d.com/ScriptReference/JsonUtility.ToJson.html>

```
User squid = new User();  
squid.username = "Oh Ii-Nam";  
squid.email = "iinam@squid.com";  
Debug.Log(JsonUtilityToJson(squid));  
//Output Json  
//age variable value is missing here  
//>{"username": "Oh Ii-Nam", "email":  
"iinam@squid.com"}
```



Revisiting JSON - What you should NOT do...

JSON has the following syntax.

- **Objects** are enclosed in braces ({}), their name-value pairs are separated by a comma (,), and the name and value in a pair are separated by a colon (:). Names in an object are strings, whereas values may be of any of the seven value types, including another object or an array.
- **Arrays** are enclosed in brackets ([]), and their values are separated by a comma (,). Each value in an array may be of a different type, including another array or an object.

The order is important

When objects and arrays contain other objects or arrays, the data has a tree-like structure.

We can use them together.



Revisiting JSON - What you should NOT do...

```
{  
  "levels": [  
    {  
      "name": "The Beginning",  
      "enemies": ["archers", "skeletons", "lava monsters"]  
    },  
  
    {  
      "name": "Dawn",  
      "enemies": ["slimes", "wild boars",]  
    },  
  
    {  
      "name": "Dusk",  
      "enemies": ["vampires", "zombies",]  
    }  
  ],  
  
  "characters": [  
    {  
      "name": "Maria",  
      "abilities": "healing",  
      "description": "A local priest that prays religiously",}  
  
    {  
      "name": "Max",  
      "abilities": "sentry gun",  
      "description": "A maniac from the other worlds",}  
  
    {  
      "name": "Pipo",  
      "abilities": "transformation",  
      "description": "Humanoid from moon",}  
  ]
```

**Invalid JSON
Missing commas
Additional commas**

```
"leaderboard": [  
  {  
    "name": "Player 1",  
    "score": "2142",  
  },  
  
  {  
    "name": "Player 2",  
    "score": "2542",  
  },  
  
  {  
    "name": "Player 3",  
    "score": "4142",  
  }]
```

JSON File submitted as...
JSON.cs 
yourfilename.json

Try and fix

<https://jsoneditoronline.org/#left=cloud.da2b3fd10f0f4ec48b79147ff8f64df0>

Revisiting JSON - What you should NOT do...

```
{  
  "playerID": "",  
  "inventory": [ [ "potion",  
    "weapon",  
    "armour/armor" ] ],  
  "stats": [ "gold",  
    "cdr",  
    "pDmg",  
    "mDmg",  
    "mHP",  
    "brainDmg",  
    "atkSpd",  
    "mana",  
    "shield" ],  
  "weightLimit": [ "lightWeight",  
    "mediumWeight",  
    "heavyWeight" ]  
}
```

Usage of slash

* Although this gives valid json, it does not make much sense to store it with a slash

Forward slashes are special characters. If it was to be used in as a value, then it has to be properly escaped using backslash
"Varmor"

Missing data

```
▼ object {1}  
  ▼ inventory {3}  
    ▼ potion [2]  
      0 : health  
      1 : mana  
    ▼ weapon [2]  
      0 : axe  
      1 : long sword  
    ▼ armor [1]  
      0 : long shield
```

Wrong Usage of arrays []

We would use arrays to contain values, however in this example it is containing keys or properties of the inventory

Potion? What potion?
Weapon? What weapon?

How can we store the values?

```
"inventory": {  
  "potion": ["health", "mana"],  
  "weapon": ["axe", "long sword"],  
  "armor": ["long shield"]  
}
```

List of simple values stored using arrays



Revisiting JSON - What you should NOT do...

```
{  
  "Player Leaderboard" : {  
    "Rank 1" : {  
      "key" : "-MmWj7m7iMwQPCIgl5Cf",  
      "name" : "Dan",  
      "score" : 2000  
    },  
    "Rank 2" : {  
      "key" : "-MmWj7m7iMwQPCIgl5Cg",  
      "name" : "Kirdesh",  
      "score" : 1900  
    },  
    "Rank 3" : {  
      "key" : "-MmWj7m7iMwQPCIgl5Ch",  
      "name" : "Jonathan",  
      "score" : 1870  
    },  
    "Rank 4" : {  
      "key" : "-MmWj7m7iMwQPCIgl5Ci",  
      "name" : "Lin",  
      "score" : 1790  
    },  
    "Rank 5" : {  
      "key" : "-MmWj7m7iMwQPCIgl5Cj",  
      "name" : "Zavier",  
      "score" : 1660  
    }  
  }  
}
```

Avoid having spaces in your JSON properties

It's ok to have spaces in values but not so in the properties

Try and fix

<https://jsoneditoronline.org/#left=cloud.cc366249773542b295f9b3fe6bbf3547>



Revisiting JSON - What you can do

```
{  
  "player-stats": {  
    "name": "yes",  
    "level": "1000",  
    "hp": "100",  
    "mana": "500",  
    "damage": "10",  
    "armor": "5"  
  },  
  "player-state": {  
    "alive": true,  
    "walking": false,  
    "sprinting": true  
  },  
  "status-effect": {  
    "poisoned": true,  
    "burning": false,  
    "drowsy": false,  
    "bleeding": false  
  }  
}
```

Usage of strings for numeric values

Consider using numeric values instead of using quotes.

JSON will still be able to read both ways, just that numeric values have a better structure

Usage of true/false values

Using true or false values allows us to quickly determine the current state of events.



Revisiting JSON - Best Practices

Instead of Hyphens use underscores (_). But using lower case or camelCase is the best. See samples below.

```
{"first-name": "Rachel", "last-name": "Green"} is not right. ✗  
{"first name": "Rachel", "last name": "Green"} is okay ✓  
{"firstname": "Rachel", "lastname": "Green"} is okay ✓  
{"firstName": "Rachel", "lastName": "Green"} is the best. ✓
```



Revisiting JSON - Best Practices

When possible, property values *SHOULD* use native JSON datatypes such as numbers (*integer*, *decimal* and *floating point*) and booleans (`true` and `false`).

```
{
  "canPigsFly": null,      // null
  "areWeThereYet": false,  // boolean
  "answerToLife": 42,      // number
  "name": "Bart",          // string
  "moreData": {},           // object
  "things": []              // array
}
```

If a property requires quotes, double quotes must be used. All property names must be surrounded by double quotes. Property values of type string must be surrounded by double quotes. Other value types (like boolean or number) should not be surrounded by double quotes.



Revisiting JSON - Best Practices

- Property names should be meaningful names with defined semantics.
- Property names must be camel-cased, ascii strings.
- The first character must be a letter, an underscore (_) or a dollar sign (\$).
- Subsequent characters can be a letter, a digit, an underscore, or a dollar sign.

```
{  
  "thisPropertyIsAnIdentifier": "identifier value"  
}
```

If a property requires quotes, double quotes must be used. All property names must be surrounded by double quotes. Property values of type string must be surrounded by double quotes. Other value types (like boolean or number) should not be surrounded by double quotes.



Working JSON + C# + Classes

malcolm-firebase-playground-default-rtdb

players

-MmvJXyF4nvz17CYWL8J

currentWeapon

0: "AK-47"
1: "M4"

health: 0

level: 0

maxHealth: 100

playerName: "asdf"

position

x: 0
y: 0
z: 0

xp: 0

-MmvJYwk1al1qmCMeh9f

```
public class GamePlayer
{
    public string playerName;
    public int level;
    public int xp;
    public int health;
    public int maxHealth;
    public Vector3 position;
    public List<string> currentWeapon;

    public GamePlayer(){}
    public GamePlayer(string playerName, int level, int xp,
                     int health, int maxHealth,
                     )
    {
        this.playerName = playerName;
        this.level = level;
        this.xp = xp;
        this.health = health;
        this.maxHealth = maxHealth;
        this.position = position;
        this.currentWeapon = currentWeapon;
    }
}
```

Set to public for converting to JSON
private access modifiers won't be
converted

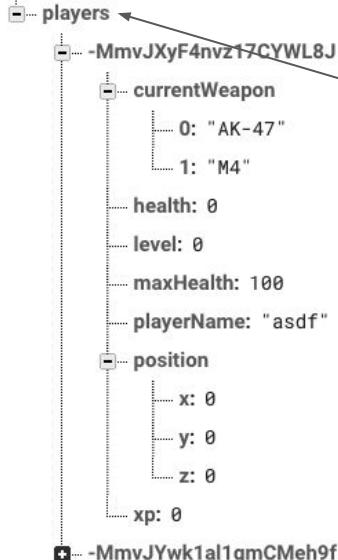
This is our **GamePlayer class**
that defines a blueprint for us
to create GamePlayer objects

Notice we can skip using
MonoBehaviour as we are not
using any Unity features at
this point



Working JSON + C# + Classes

malcolm-firebase-playground-default-rtdb



```
public class PlayerWeaponManager : MonoBehaviour
{
    public DatabaseReference dbReference;
    private void Awake()
    {
        dbReference =
            FirebaseDatabase.DefaultInstance.RootReference;
        List<string> weapons = new List<string>();
        weapons.Add("AK-47");
        weapons.Add("M4");

        CreateNewPlayer("Royden", new Vector(0,0,0),
        weapons );
    }
}
```

```
public void CreateNewPlayer(DatabaseReference dbRef, string
playerName, Vector3 position, List<string> currentWeapon,
int level = 0, int xp = 0, int health = 0, int maxHealth =
100)
{
    GamePlayer player = new GamePlayer(playerName, level,
        xp, health, maxHealth, position, currentWeapon);
    //Overwrites the root of the tree
    //dbRef.SetRawJsonValueAsync(player.SaveToJson());

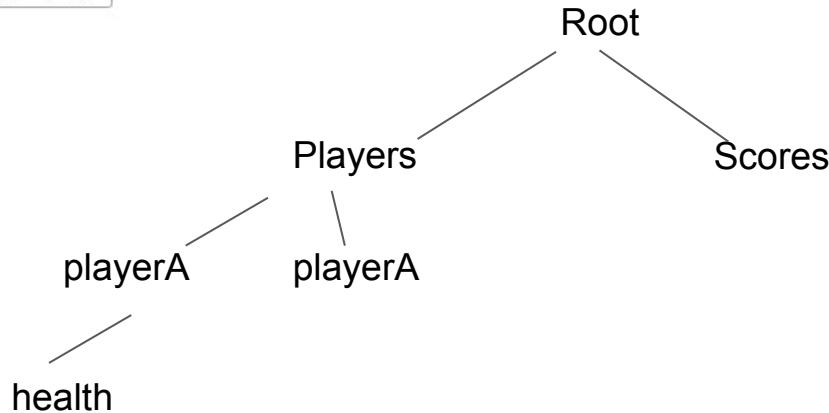
    //Overwrites the node location "players"
    //dbRef.Child("players").SetRawJsonValueAsync(player.SaveToJson());

    //Writes to node location "players" /players/$key
    //creates a key
    var playerReference = dbRef.Child("players").Push();
    playerReference.SetRawJsonValueAsync(player.SaveToJson());
}

}//end class
```



Mapping to a JSON Tree



Structuring your Data

```
{  
  "players": {  
    "harrypotter": {  
      "name": "Harry Potter",  
      "weapons": { "ak46": true },  
    },  
    "nuggetwarrior": { ... },  
    "samuraiburger": { ... }  
  }  
}
```

For example, consider a MMO game application that allows players to store a basic profile and weapon inventory.

A typical player profile is located at a path, such as /players/\$pid. The player **harrypotter** might have a database entry that looks something like this:

If you create your own keys, they must be UTF-8 encoded, can be a maximum of 768 bytes, and cannot contain ., \$, #, [,], /, or ASCII control characters 0-31 or 127. You cannot use ASCII control characters in the values themselves, either.



Structuring your Data - The Bad

```
{  
  // This is a poorly nested data architecture, because iterating the children  
  // of the "chats" node to get a list of conversation titles requires  
  // potentially downloading hundreds of megabytes of messages  
  "chats": {  
    "one": {  
      "title": "Historical Tech Pioneers",  
      "messages": {  
        "m1": { "sender": "ghopper", "message": "Relay malfunction found. Cause:  
moth." },  
        "m2": { ... },  
        // a very long list of messages  
      }  
    },  
    "two": { ... }  
  }  
}
```

With this nested design, iterating through the data becomes problematic.

For example, listing the titles of chat conversations requires the **entire chats tree**, including all members and messages, to be downloaded to the client.

Path to take: /chats/\$key/title

Retrieves ALL messages and details



Structuring your Data - The Good

```
{  
  // Chats contains only meta info  
  // about each conversation  
  // stored under the chats's unique ID  
  "chats": {  
    "one": {  
      "title": "Historical Tech  
Pioneers",  
      "lastMessage": "ghopper: Relay  
malfunction found. Cause: moth.",  
      "timestamp": 1459361875666  
    },  
    "two": { ... },  
    "three": { ... }  
  },
```

```
// Conversation members are  
easily accessible  
// and stored by chat  
conversation ID  
  "members": {  
    // we'll talk about indices  
    like this below  
    "one": {  
      "ghopper": true,  
      "alovelace": true,  
      "eclarke": true  
    },  
    "two": { ... },  
    "three": { ... }  
  },
```

```
// Messages are separate from data  
we may want to iterate quickly  
// but still easily paginated and  
queried, and organized by chat  
// conversation ID  
  "messages": {  
    "one": {  
      "m1": {  
        "name": "eclarke",  
        "message": "The relay seems  
to be malfunctioning.",  
        "timestamp": 1459361875337  
      },  
      "m2": { ... },  
      "m3": { ... }  
    },  
    "two": { ... },  
    "three": { ... }  
  }  
}
```

Go as Flat and Lead

To take Title

Path to take: /chats/\$key/title

Details of members and messages are not retrieved



Structuring your Data - Scalable Data

```
// An index to track Ada's memberships
{
  "users": {
    "alovelace": {
      "name": "Ada Lovelace",
      // Index Ada's groups in her profile
      "groups": {
        // the value here doesn't matter, just
        that the key exists
        "techpioneers": true,
        "womentechmakers": true
      }
    },
  },
  ...
}
```

- What's needed is an elegant way to list the groups a user belongs to and fetch only data for those groups. An *index* of groups can help a great deal here:

We can create 2-way relationships.
This is using Indexing Methods

Quickly and efficiently fetch Ada's memberships,

/users/\$uid/groups/\$group_id
Check whether it is null

```
"groups": [
  "techpioneers": {
    "name": "Historical Tech Pioneers",
    "members": {
      "alovelace": true,
      "ghopper": true,
      "eclarke": true
    }
  },
  ...
]
```

This duplicates some data by storing the relationship under both Ada's record and under the group.

Now alovelace is indexed under a group, and techpioneers is listed in Ada's profile. So to delete Ada from the group, it has to be updated in two places.



So what's **#CRUD**



Reading your Data

```
using System.Threading.Tasks;  
using Firebase.Extensions; // for ContinueWithOnMainThread
```

Include **Firebase Extensions**.
This is to handle Threading

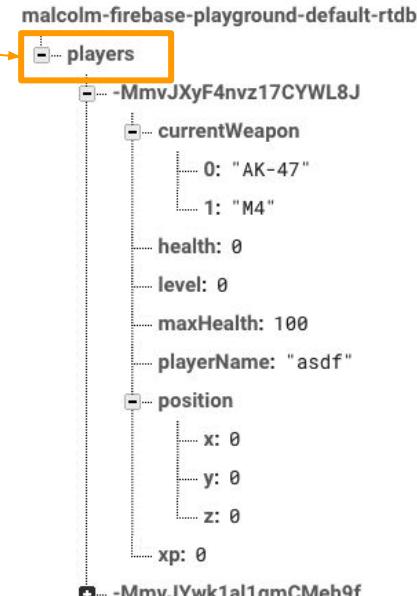
```
 FirebaseDatabase.DefaultInstance  
    .GetReference("players")  
    .GetValueAsync().ContinueWithOnMainThread(task =>  
{  
    if (task.IsFaulted) {  
        // Handle the error...  
    }  
    else if (task.IsCompleted) {  
        DataSnapshot snapshot = task.Result;  
        // Do something with snapshot...  
    }  
});
```

Depending on how you structure, get the reference node of your JSON tree. This is the json path ("path/to/query.....") eg. ("players/.....")

We use **ContinueWithOnMainThread** to use the main thread that Unity is using.

Other alternatives is to use Coroutines

** You might see examples using ContinueWith(..), this uses a new thread on your computer*



The task result will contain a snapshot containing all data (entries) at that location, including child data. If there is no data, the snapshot returned is null.

https://firebase.google.com/docs/reference/unity/class_firebase_database_databas...

<https://firebase.google.com/docs/database/unity/retrieve-data>



READING

#CRUD

#DEMO



Working with Handlers

Listen for events

You can add event listeners to subscribe on changes to data:

Event	Typical usage
ValueChanged	Read and listen for changes to the entire contents of a path.
ChildAdded	Retrieve lists of items or listen for additions to a list of items. Suggested use with ChildChanged and ChildRemoved to monitor changes to lists.
ChildChanged	Listen for changes to the items in a list. Use with ChildAdded and ChildRemoved to monitor changes to lists.
ChildRemoved	Listen for items being removed from a list. Use with ChildAdded and ChildChanged to monitor changes to lists.
ChildMoved	Listen for changes to the order of items in an ordered list. ChildMoved events always follow the ChildChanged event that caused the item's order to change (based on your current order-by method).



Working with Handlers

```
FirebaseDatabase.DefaultInstance
    .GetReference("Leaders")
    .ValueChanged += HandleValueChanged;
}

void HandleValueChanged(object sender,
ValueChangedEventArgs args) {
    if (args.DatabaseError != null) {
        Debug.LogError(args.DatabaseError.Message);
        return;
    }
    // Do something with the data in
    args.Snapshot
}
```

ValueChangedEventArgs contains a **DataSnapshot** that contains the data at the specified location in the database at the time of the event. Calling **Value** on a **snapshot returns a Dictionary<string, object>** representing the data. If no data exists at the location, calling Value returns null.

In this example, **args.DatabaseError** is also examined to see if the read is canceled. For example, a read can be canceled if the client doesn't have permission to read from a Firebase database location. The DatabaseError will indicate why the failure occurred.

Reading Reference

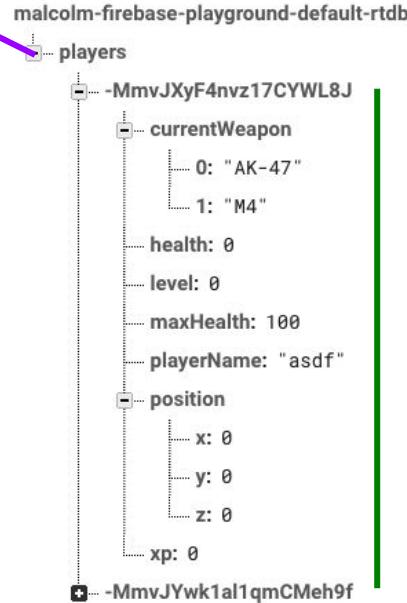
<https://firebase.google.com/docs/reference/unity/class/firebase/extensions/task-extension>
<https://firebase.google.com/docs/database/unity/retrieve-data>



Working with Handlers

```
DatabaseReference playerRef =  
    FirebaseDatabase.DefaultInstance.GetReference("players");  
  
playerRef.ValueChanged += HandlePlayerValueChanged; //parent node  
has changes  
  
void HandlePlayerValueChanged(object send, ValueChangedEventArgs  
args)  
{  
    if (args.DatabaseError != null)  
    {  
        Debug.LogError(args.DatabaseError.Message);  
        return;  
    }  
  
    numPlayers = (int)args.Snapshot.ChildrenCount;  
    txtPlayerCount.text = "Total Players in Game: " +  
    numPlayers;  
  
    Debug.Log("HandlePlayerChange numChild:" + numPlayers);  
}
```

In this example, we are having the listener function to update the total number of players in the game



Whenever there's movement in the nodes under parent node "players", the listener **HandlePlayerValueChanged()** will be triggered.

A snapshot of the node and its children will be send back.

Reading Reference

<https://firebase.google.com/docs/reference/unity/class/firebase/extensions/task-extension>
<https://firebase.google.com/docs/database/unity/retrieve-data>



HANDLERS

#CRUD

#DEMO



CRUD - Update/Write

Basic write operations

For basic write operations, you can use `SetValueAsync()` to save data to a specified reference, replacing any existing data at that path. You can use this method to pass types that correspond to the available JSON types as follows:

- string
- long
- double
- bool
- `Dictionary<string, Object>`
- `List<Object>`

If you use a typed C# object, you can use the built in `JsonUtilityToJson()` to convert the object to raw Json and call **`SetRawJsonValueAsync()`**. For example, you may have a User class that looked as follows:

Reading Reference

<https://firebase.google.com/docs/reference/unity/class/firebase/extensions/task-extension>
<https://firebase.google.com/docs/database/unity/retrieve-data>



CRUD - Update

Map the given path and key, then set the desired value

```
DatabaseReference dbReference = FirebaseDatabase.DefaultInstance.RootReference;
dbReference.Child("/path/to/save").SetValueAsync(playerName);

//dbPlayerReference.Child(playerKey).Child("playerName").SetValueAsync(playerName);

DatabaseReference reference = FirebaseDatabase.Instance.GetReference("path/to/save");
reference.UpdateValueAsync(new Dictionary<string, object>(){
    {"child1", "value1"}, {"child2", "value2"}
}, 10, (res) =>
{
    if (res.success)
    {
        Debug.Log("Write success");
    }
    else
    {
        Debug.Log("Write failed : " + res.message);
    }
});
```

Reading Reference

<https://firebase.google.com/docs/database/unity/retrieve-data>

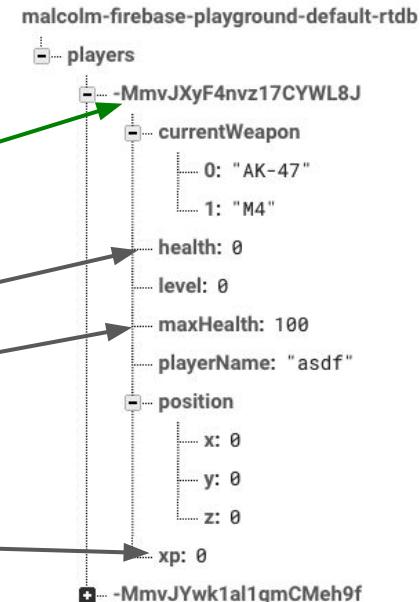
<https://firebase.google.com/docs/reference/unity/class/firebase/database/database-reference>



CRUD - Update

Map the given path and key, then set the desired value

```
DatabaseReference dbReference = FirebaseDatabase.DefaultInstance.RootReference;  
dbReference.Child("/path/to/save").SetValueAsync(playerName);  
  
//dbPlayerReference.Child(playerKey).Child("playerName").SetValueAsync(playerName);  
  
DatabaseReference reference =  
    FirebaseDatabase.DefaultInstance.GetReference("players/");  
// Handle the error...  
string id = "-MmvJXyF4nvz17CYWL8J";  
Dictionary<string, object> childUpdates = new Dictionary<string, object>();  
childUpdates[id + "/health"] = 456;  
childUpdates[id + "/maxHealth"] = 456;  
childUpdates[id + "/xp"] = 456;  
  
reference.UpdateChildrenAsync(childUpdates);
```



Reading Reference

<https://firebase.google.com/docs/database/unity/retrieve-data>

<https://firebase.google.com/docs/reference/unity/class/firebase/database/databasereference>

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/dotnet/api/system.collections.generic.dictionary-2?view=net-5.0>



Updating #CRUD #DEMO



CRUD - Delete

The simplest way to delete data is to call **RemoveValueAsync()** on a reference to the location of that data.

You can also delete by specifying null as the value for another write operation such as `SetValueAsync()` or `UpdateChildrenAsync()`. You can use this technique with `UpdateChildrenAsync()` to delete multiple children in a single API call.

```
dbRef.OrderByChild("playerName").EqualTo(playerToSearch).Reference.RemoveValueAsync();
```

What the code means

dbRef - The FirebaseDatabase reference you are using

OrderByChild - this is an ordering / sorting feature of Firebase. It sorts by the desired child property

EqualTo - Does a filter based on the child given, in this case "playerToSearch"

Reference - Retrieves a snapshot of the found nodes

RemoveValuesAsync - Makes a call to **permanently remove** the nodes affected on that location

Reading Reference

<https://firebase.google.com/docs/database/unity/retrieve-data>



Deleting

#CRUD

#DEMO



Writing **#CRUD** #DEMO



#CA

Firebase - CRUD Data (SOLO)

In this activity, we work with Realtime Databases to allow us to Create, Read, Update, Delete data

1. Create a very simple CRUD system based on JSON or a simple Player Class

CA GOLD: *Create relevant UI and additional relevant classes to be stored (e.g Leaderboard)*

Deliverables

.unitypackage of your scene, scripts, any useful related files (don't need Firebase SDK etc)



Before Next Class

Reference

<https://firebase.google.com/docs/database/unity/save-data>

Creating Authentication - Getting Started (1)

The screenshot shows the Firebase console interface. On the left, a dark sidebar menu lists various services: Project Overview, Build (Authentication, Firestore Database, Realtime Database, Storage, Hosting, Functions, Machine Learning), and Release and monitor. The 'Authentication' item is highlighted with a red box. The main content area has a purple header bar with the text 'Malcolm Firebase Playground'. Below this, the word 'Authentication' is prominently displayed in large white letters. A descriptive text follows: 'Authenticate and manage users from a variety of providers without server-side code'. At the bottom of this section is a white button with a purple border containing the text 'Get started'. Both the 'Authentication' heading and the 'Get started' button are also highlighted with red boxes.

We will take on Firebase Authentication
Provides a powerful authentication system by email, OAuth, Auth Providers (sign-in) options

Start by Going to your Firebase projects
> Click on Authentication
> Click on **Get Started**



Creating Authentication - Getting Started (2)

The screenshot shows the Firebase Authentication interface under the 'Sign-in method' tab. It displays a list of sign-in providers categorized into 'Native providers' and 'Additional providers'. The 'Email/Password' provider under 'Native providers' is highlighted with a red border. Below this section, there is a table for 'Authorised domains'.

Authorised domain	Type
localhost	Default
malcolm-firebase-playground.firebaseioapp.com	Default
malcolm-firebase-playground.web.app	Default

Firebase Auth provides a ready stream of authentication methods.

We will use Email/Password method and build up along the way



Creating Authentication - Getting Started (3)

Malcolm Firebase Playground ▾ Go to docs

Authentication

Users Sign-in method Templates Usage

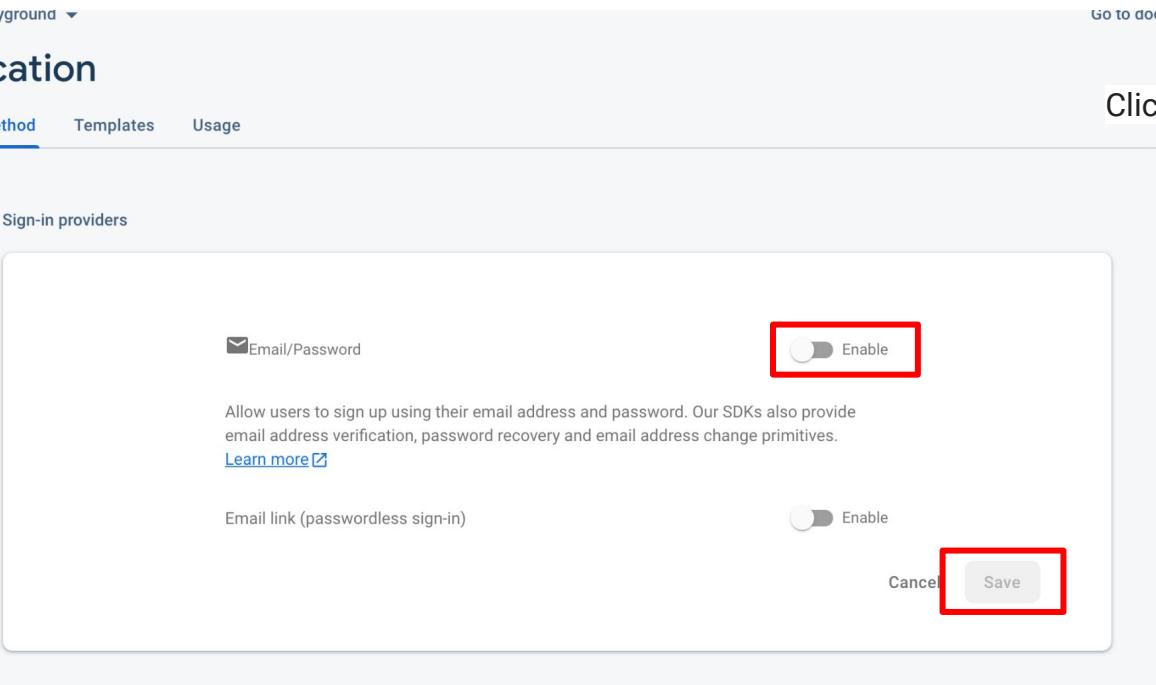
Sign-in providers

Email/Password Enable

Allow users to sign up using their email address and password. Our SDKs also provide email address verification, password recovery and email address change primitives.
[Learn more](#)

Email link (passwordless sign-in) Enable

Cancel Save



Click on **Enable** and then **Save**



Creating Authentication - Getting Started (4)



Go to your Unity Project
Import Package > Custom Package
>> Choose from “Firebase SDK folder”
>> donet4
>> **FirebaseAuth.unitypackage**

Pre-requisites
Unity 2020.3.20f

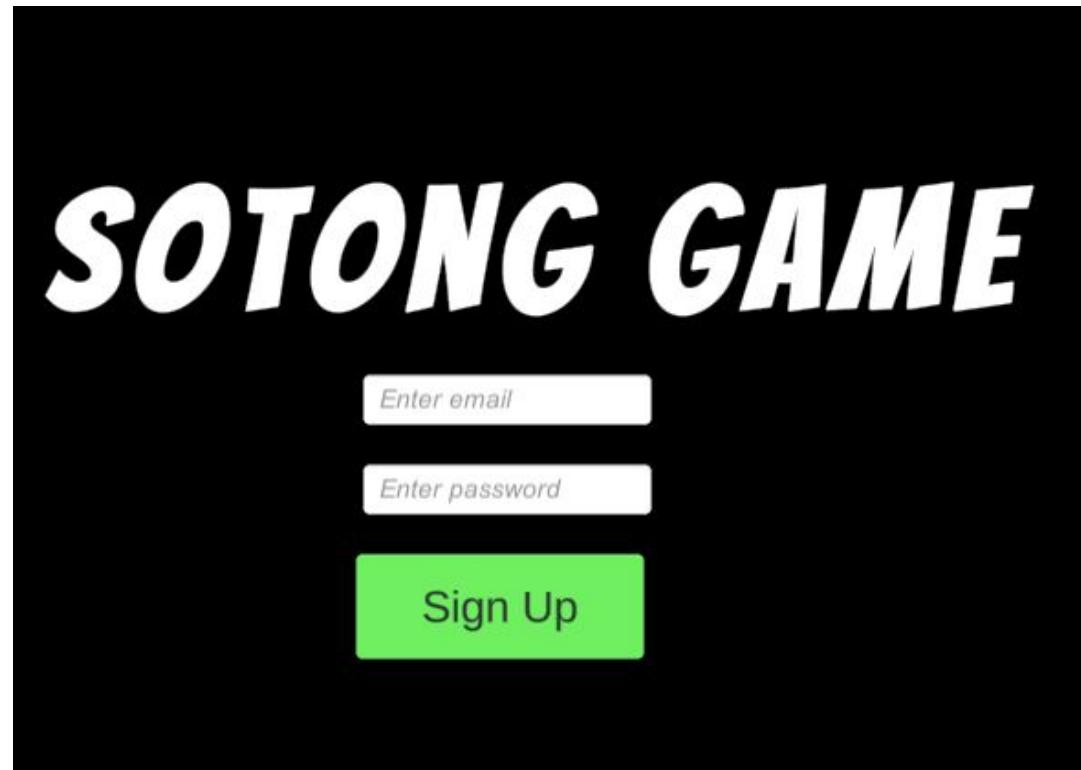
Working Firebase project with the following properly done up

- Firebase Authentication
- Firebase Realtime Database
- FirebaseDatabase.unitypackage
- google-services.json

Creating Authentication - Create simple form

Before you can use [Firebase Authentication](#), you need to:

- Register your Unity project and configure it to use Firebase.
 - If your Unity project already uses Firebase, then it's already registered and configured for Firebase.
 - If you don't have a Unity project, you can download a [sample app](#).
- Add the [Firebase Unity SDK](#) (specifically, FirebaseAuth.unitypackage) to your Unity project.



Creating Authentication - Code Basics

```
//place other needed directives
using Firebase.Auth;

public class AuthManager : MonoBehaviour
{
    Firebase.Auth.FirebaseAuth auth;

    //initialize our auth instance
    private void Awake()
    {
        auth = FirebaseAuth.DefaultInstance;
    }

    //methods to handle authentication
}

//automatically pass user info to the firebase project
//attempt to create new user or check with there's already one
auth.CreateUserWithEmailAndPasswordAsync(email, password).ContinueWith(task =>
{
    //perform task handling
    if(task.IsFaulted || task.IsCanceled)
    {
        Debug.LogError("Sorry, there was an error creating your new account,
ERROR: " + task.Exception);
        return; //exit from the attempt
    }else if (task.IsCompleted)
    {
        Firebase.Auth.FirebaseUser newPlayer = task.Result;
        Debug.LogFormat("Welcome to Sotong Games {0}", newPlayer.Email);
        //do anything you want after player creation eg. create new player
    }
});
```

Creating Users

Perform validation and checks on your form, then pass the details to the **CreateUserWithEmailAndPasswordAsync** This will create the user IF the email is a proper email and the password meets Auth requirements
Note that the function executes separately

Reading Reference

<https://firebase.google.com/docs/auth/unity/start>



Creating Authentication - Checking the works

The screenshot shows the Firebase Authentication console under the 'Malcolm Firebase Playground' project. On the left, the navigation bar includes 'Project Overview', 'Build' (with 'Authentication' selected), 'Firestore Database', 'Realtime Database', 'Storage', 'Hosting', 'Functions', and 'Machine Learning'. Below these are sections for 'Release and monitor' (Crashlytics, Performance, Test Lab...) and 'Analytics'.

The main 'Authentication' screen has tabs for 'Users', 'Sign-in method', 'Templates', and 'Usage'. It features a search bar, a 'Get started' button, and a note about the Local Emulator Suite. The 'Users' table lists four accounts:

Identifier	Providers	Created	Signed in	User UID
asdfsd@sdfsd.com	Email	27 Oct 2021	27 Oct 2021	kFAnzPwcxWR2Y8hmtkiX24a4Z...
jasf@gmail.com	Email	27 Oct 2021	27 Oct 2021	7LeFkiset9OdTn3lv7xxWORwgnC2...
nugget@nugget.com	Email	27 Oct 2021	27 Oct 2021	yG2BHxdJ7TchB7MVbV0U240Kdi...
turtle@turle.com	Email	27 Oct 2021	27 Oct 2021	2veiOo5Nf8db5zREK4dLNLqAfE72...

A modal window is open for the first account, showing options to 'Reset password', 'Disable account', or 'Delete account'. The 'Reset password' button is highlighted with a purple box. Another purple box highlights the 'User UID' column in the table above. A callout arrow points from the 'Reset password' button in the modal to the 'User UID' column. A second callout arrow points from the 'User account' field in the modal to the 'Identifier' column in the table.

Administering Users

In your authentication service, you get a list of users who have successfully registered into your system

List of Users

User UID - is a unique key generated by Firebase. We can adopt this into our Players data structure

Options

We can send a password reset email to the users



Making #AUTH #DEMO



#CA

Firebase - Simple Auth (SOLO)

In this activity, we will create a simple auth system with user sign up by email and password

1. Create a simple authentication with email and password

CA GOLD: Make pretty UI for your login panels

Deliverables

.unitypackage of your scene, UI, scripts



Before Next Class

Reference

<https://firebase.google.com/docs/auth/unity/start>

Creating Authentication - What's Next?

Start Making Your Players

We can adopt the generated unique User UID when a new user is created. That can be our \$key for new players into the system.

Users can further update their profile details using a data structure in your Realtime Database

Start Modifying Your Reset Emails

Start Creating User Related Features

Some features to think about are:

- Logout
- Login errors
- Modifying email verification email
- handling Authentication issues
- storing the User UID in the game,
- Anything else that is user related :)
- Checking for unique usernames
- Using Multi-Sign in providers options
- Handling Lost password



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Common Error: Everything is ok but database not updated!

The screenshot shows the Firebase Realtime Database Rules page. The 'Rules' tab is selected and highlighted with a red box. The JSON code for the database rules is displayed in a code editor, also enclosed in a red box:

```
{  
  "rules": {  
    ".read": true,  
    ".write": true  
  }  
}
```

FIX:
Change the rules in your Database

This is because it was not set to test mode earlier and permissions were locked

Setting up public access

The Realtime Database provides a declarative rules language that allows you to define how your data should be structured, how it should be indexed, and when your data can be read from and written to.

★ Note: By default, read and write access to your database is restricted so only authenticated users can read or write data. To get started without setting up [Authentication](#), you can [configure your rules for public access](#). This does make your database open to anyone, even people not using your app, so be sure to restrict your database again when you set up authentication.

WEEK 3

NEXT WK HOME BASED!

Lesson Mode
SYNCHRONOUS
MS TEAMS



Let's Make

#GAME

#Auth2



READING

Best practices for JSON <https://json-ld.org/spec/latest/json-ld-api-best-practices/#bp-summary>

JSON Style Guide <https://google.github.io/styleguide/jsonstyleguide.xml#Comments>

Firebase Errors <https://firebase.google.com/docs/reference/unity/class/firebase/database/database-error>

Learning Classes in C# <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/dotnet/csharp/language-reference/keywords/class>

JsonUtility to JSON <https://docs.unity3d.com/ScriptReference/JsonUtilityToJson.html>

Introduction to TextMesh Pro <https://www.raywenderlich.com/22175776-introduction-to-textmesh-pro-in-unity>

Firebase Authentication <https://firebase.google.com/docs/auth/unity/start>



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Lesson 2: Working with Realtime Database