

Persistence



CS 442: Mobile App Development
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Things to persist

- Application settings
- Application state
- Model data
- Model relationships

Persistence options

- User defaults
- Property lists serialization
- Object archives
- SQLite database
- Core Data
- Apple frameworks: Address Book, Photos, iCloud, etc.
- Roll-your-own

§ User Defaults

NSUserDefaults

- encapsulates access to global/app-specific user “defaults”
 - i.e., system/application preferences
- glorified NSDictionary

Different “domains” for preferences:

- application domain (persistent)
- global domain (persistent)
- “registration” (volatile)

↓
when multiple
settings for the
same key,
search in this
order by default

Persistent domains save/restore settings
across app-launches

Getting defaults object:

```
NSUserDefaults.standardUserDefaults()
```

by default, set up with default domain search order — will persist to app domain

```

@interface UserDefaults : NSObject {
+ (NSUserDefaults *)standardUserDefaults;

- (void)registerDefaults:(NSDictionary *)registrationDictionary;

- (id)objectForKey:(NSString *)defaultName;
- (NSString *)stringForKey:(NSString *)defaultName;
- (NSInteger)integerForKey:(NSString *)defaultName;
- (BOOL)boolForKey:(NSString *)defaultName;
- (NSURL *)URLForKey:(NSString *)defaultName;

- (NSDictionary *)dictionaryRepresentation;

- (void)setObject:(id)value forKey:(NSString *)defaultName;
- (void)setInteger:(NSInteger)value forKey:(NSString *)defaultName;
- (void)setBool:(BOOL)value forKey:(NSString *)defaultName;
- (void)setURL:(NSURL *)url forKey:(NSString *)defaultName;

- (BOOL)synchronize;

...
@end

```

User Defaults API

Typical workflow:

- register default values in registration domain on app launch
- retrieve/set user customized settings in app domain during use

```
func application(application: UIApplication, didFinishLaunchingWithOptions
    launchOptions: [NSObject: AnyObject]?) -> Bool {
    // default "registered" settings (not persisted)
    NSUserDefaults.standardUserDefaults().registerDefaults([
        "setting1": true,
        "setting2": "val2",
        "setting3": 100
    ])
    return true
}
```

registering defaults

```
class ViewController: UIViewController {
    var some_setting: Bool

    required init(coder aDecoder: NSCoder) {
        some_setting = UserDefaults.standardUserDefaults().boolForKey("setting1")
        super.init(coder: aDecoder)
    }

    @IBAction func toggleSetting(sender: AnyObject) {
        some_setting = !some_setting
        UserDefaults.standardUserDefaults().setBool(true, forKey: "setting1")
        UserDefaults.standardUserDefaults().synchronize() // not strictly needed
    }
}
```

reading/setting defaults

for rarely changed top-level settings, may want to expose them in “Settings” app





Carrier



9:14 AM



Photos



Settings



Game Ce



Contacts



Safari

Carrier



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Settings



General



Safari



Photos

Carrier



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Settings

Safari

General

Search Engine

Google >

AutoFill

Off >

Security

Fraud Warning

ON

Warn when visiting fraudulent websites.

JavaScript

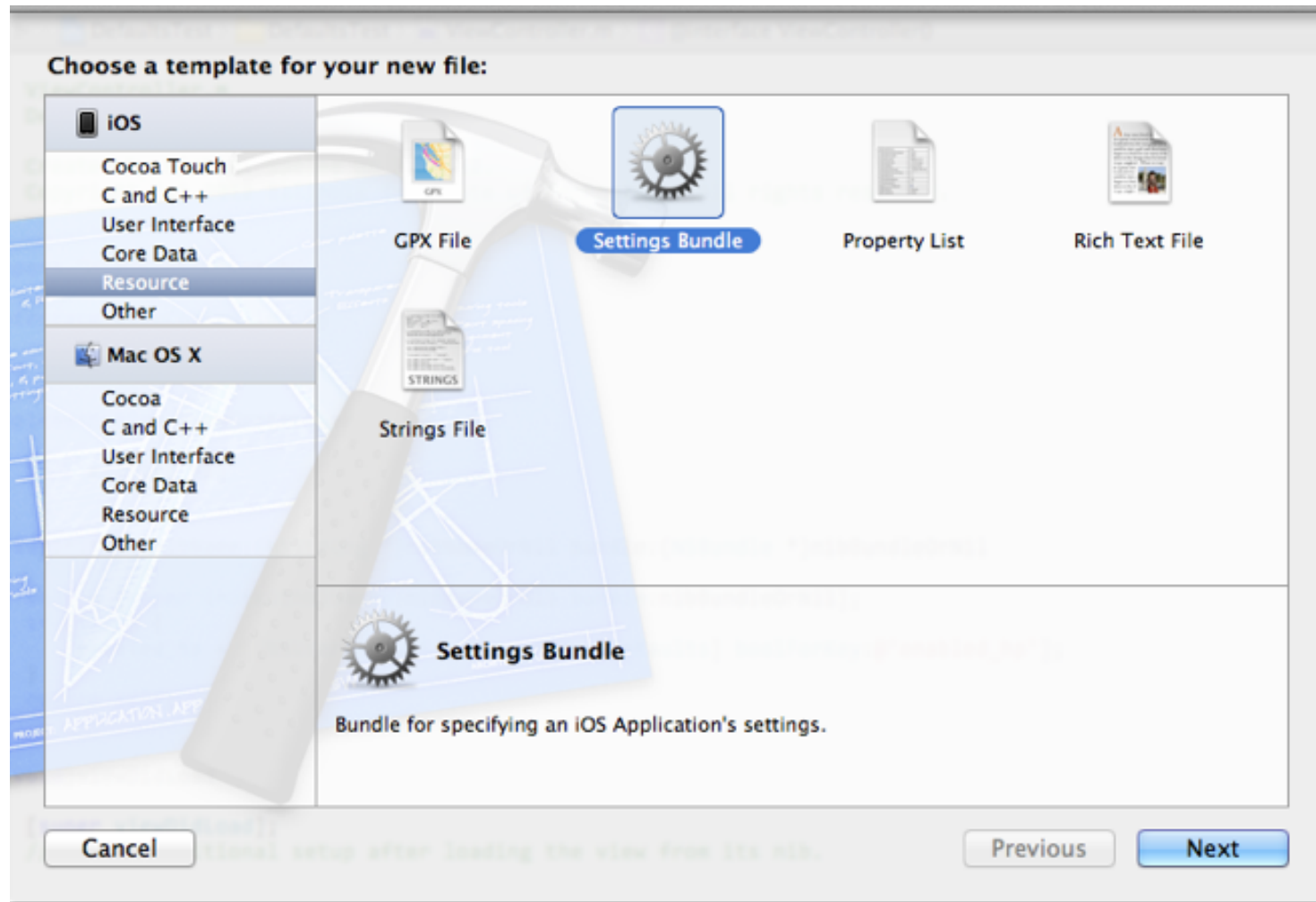
ON

Block Pop-ups

ON

Accept Cookies

From visited >



Xcode settings bundle

Root.plist

Key	Value
▼ iPhone Settings Schema	(2 items)
Strings Filename	Root
▼ Preference Items	(5 items)
▼ Item 0 (Group - Car details)	(2 items)
Type	Group
Title	Car details
▼ Item 1 (Toggle Switch -)	(4 items)
Type	Toggle Switch
Title	Horsepower
Identifier	enabled_hp
Default Value	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
▼ Item 2 (Toggle Switch -)	(4 items)
Type	Toggle Switch
Title	Displacement
Identifier	enabled_displacement
Default Value	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
▼ Item 3 (Group - Max # of ranked)	(2 items)
Type	Group
Title	Max # of ranked cars
▼ Item 4 (Slider)	(7 items)
Type	Slider
Identifier	max_ranked_cars
Default Value	10
Minimum Value	5
Maximum Value	100
Min Value Image Filename	
Max Value Image Filename	



concurrent modification?

— one solution is to call
synchronize defensively

... messy, and not-robust

```
required init(coder aDecoder: NSCoder) {
    NotificationCenter.defaultCenter().addObserver(self,
        selector: "defaultsChanged:",
        name: NSUserDefaultsDidChangeNotification,
        object: nil)

    super.init(coder: aDecoder)
}

func defaultsChanged(notification: NSNotification) {
    let defaults = notification.object as NSUserDefaults
    let newDefault = defaults.boolForKey("setting1")
}
```

NSNotificationCenter

§ Property Lists

(a.k.a. plists)

built-in serialization of supported objects

“property list types”

array, dict, string, date, number, boolean

can read/write “root” array or dict as plist

```
var data = NSArray(contentsOfFile: "pathToFile").mutableCopy()  
  
// modify array  
  
data.writeFile("pathToUpdateFile", atomically: true)
```

more fine-grained control:

`NSPropertyListSerialization`

(serialize plist object to byte stream)

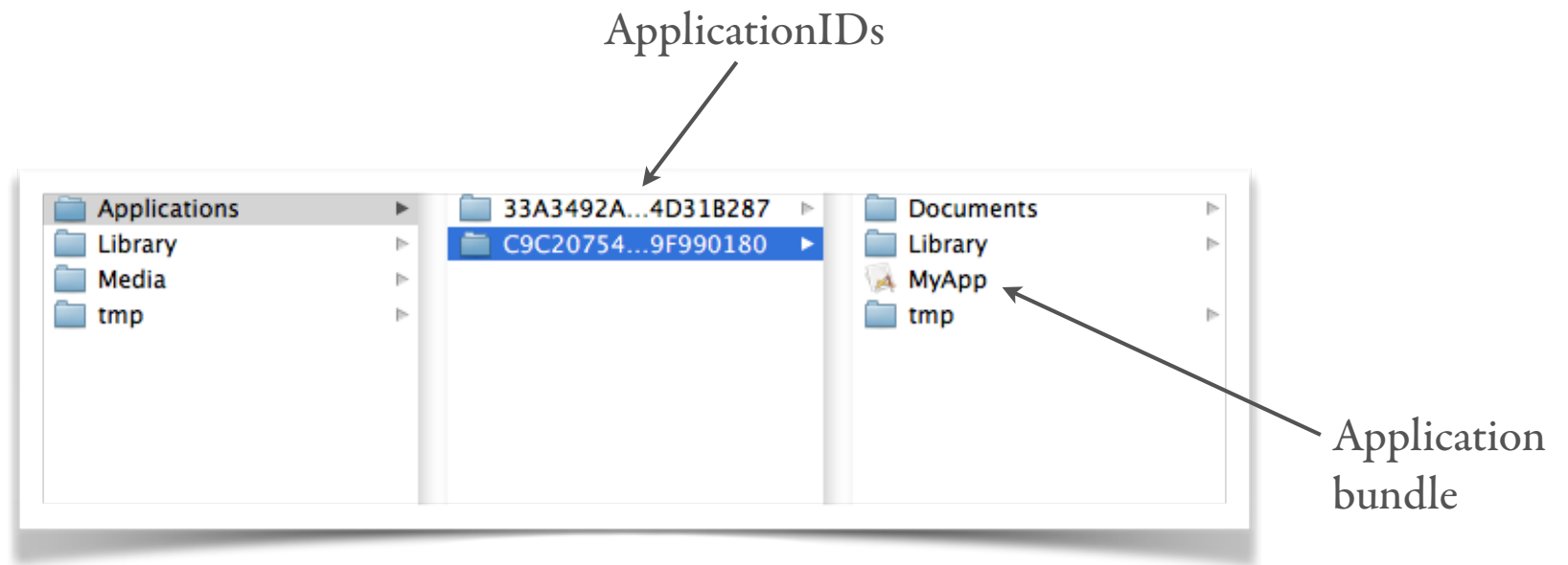
```
+ (NSData *)dataWithPropertyList:(id)plistObj
    format:(NSPropertyListFormat)format
    options:(NSPropertyListWriteOptions)opt
    error:(NSError **)error
```

(deserialize plist object from byte stream)

```
+ (id)propertyListFromData:(NSData *)data
    mutabilityOption:(NSPropertyListMutabilityOptions)opt
    format:(NSPropertyListFormat *)format
    errorDescription:(NSString **)errorString
```

read/write paths?

recall: “sandboxed” filesystem



```
// get path to home directory  
homePath = NSHomeDirectory();
```

```
// get path to tmp directory  
tmpPath = NSTemporaryDirectory();
```

```
// get path to Documents directory  
paths = NSSearchPathForDirectoriesInDomains(NSDocumentDirectory, NSUserDomainMask, YES);  
documentsDirectory = paths[0];
```

AppBundle/	application bundle built by Xcode; signed and not writeable
Library/	used for auto-managed settings (defaults) and system caches
Documents/	writeable by running application; backed up by iTunes
tmp/	writeable by running application; not backed up by iTunes

typical workflow:

- open initial plist from app bundle
- save modified plist to Documents/
- on next launch, use modified version, if available

good for basic settings, string/numeric data;
inefficient for binary data

for complex data, or $>1\text{MB}$, don't use plists!
data is either *all-in* or *all-out*

§ Object Archives

archive **object graphs**
(à la nibfiles)

archivable class must adopt the
NSCoding protocol

```
@protocol NSCoding  
- (void)encodeWithCoder:(NSCoder *)aCoder;  
- (id)initWithCoder:(NSCoder *)aDecoder;  
@end
```

```
@interface Sprocket : NSObject <NSCoding> {
    NSInteger sprockId;
}
```

```
@implementation Sprocket
```

```
- (void)encodeWithCoder:(NSCoder *)aCoder {
    [aCoder encodeInteger:self.sprockId forKey:@"sID"];
}
```

```
- (NSString *)description {
    return [NSString stringWithFormat:@"Sprocket[%d]", self.sprockId];
}
```

```
@end
```

```
@interface Widget : NSObject <NSCoding> {
@property (assign) NSInteger widgetId;
@property (strong) NSString *widgetName;
@property (assign) BOOL tested;
@property (strong) NSArray *sprockets;
@end
```

```
@implementation Widget
- (id)initWithCoder:(NSCoder *)aDecoder {
    if (self = [self init]) {
        self.widgetId = [aDecoder decodeIntegerForKey:@"wID"];
        self.widgetName = [aDecoder decodeObjectForKey:@"wName"];
        self.tested = [aDecoder decodeBoolForKey:@"wTested"];
        self.sprockets = [aDecoder decodeObjectForKey:@"wSprockArray"];
    }
    return self;
}

- (void)encodeWithCoder:(NSCoder *)aCoder {
    [aCoder encodeInteger:self.widgetId forKey:@"wID"];
    [aCoder encodeObject:self.widgetName forKey:@"wName"];
    [aCoder encodeBool:self.tested forKey:@"wTested"];
    [aCoder encodeObject:self.sprockets forKey:@"wSprockArray"];
}
@end
```

```
Sprocket *sprock1 = [Sprocket sprocketWithId:10],
    *sprock2 = [Sprocket sprocketWithId:101],
    *sprock3 = [Sprocket sprocketWithId:202],
    *sprock4 = [Sprocket sprocketWithId:333];

NSArray *sprockArr1 = @[sprock1],
    *sprockArr2 = @[sprock2, sprock3],
    *sprockArr3 = @[sprock3, sprock4];

NSArray *widgetArray = @[[Widget widgetWithId:11 name:@"Foo" tested:YES sprockets:sprockArr1],
    [Widget widgetWithId:22 name:@"Bar" tested:YES sprockets:sprockArr2],
    [Widget widgetWithId:33 name:@"Baz" tested:YES sprockets:sprockArr3]];

// archive object graph to file
[NSKeyedArchiver archiveRootObject:widgetArray toFile:@"widgets.archive"];

// unarchive object graph (thaw)
NSArray *unarchivedRoot = [NSKeyedUnarchiver unarchiveObjectWithFile:archiveFile];

Sprocket *sprockA = [[[unarchivedRoot objectAtIndex:1] sprockets] objectAtIndex:1],
    *sprockB = [[[unarchivedRoot objectAtIndex:2] sprockets] objectAtIndex:0];

// test object identity (evaluates to YES)
sprockA == sprockB;

// test object identity (evaluates to NO)
sprockA == sprock3;
```

keyed unarchiving allows support across
different class implementations

supports multiple references to one object
(true object graphs)

big problem: once again, all-or-nothing
(no swapping on iOS)

not practical for **large datasets**

§ SQLite (v3)

“an in-process library that implements a *self-contained, serverless, zero-configuration, transactional SQL* database engine.”

¶ RDBMS crash course

relational database management systems

“relations” = tables of data

“attributes” = table columns

“records” = table rows

ID (key)	Name	Extension	Room #
A1010101	Michael Lee	x5709	SB 226A
A2020202	Cynthia Hood	x3918	SB 237E
A3030303	Bogdan Korel	x5145	SB 236B
A4040404	Matthew Bauer	x5148	SB 237B

Structured Query Language

- querying & data manipulation
- transaction management
- data definition language

inconsistent / incompatible syntax and
extensions across databases

if you want to use SQLite effectively, you
need to become a (SQL)ite expert

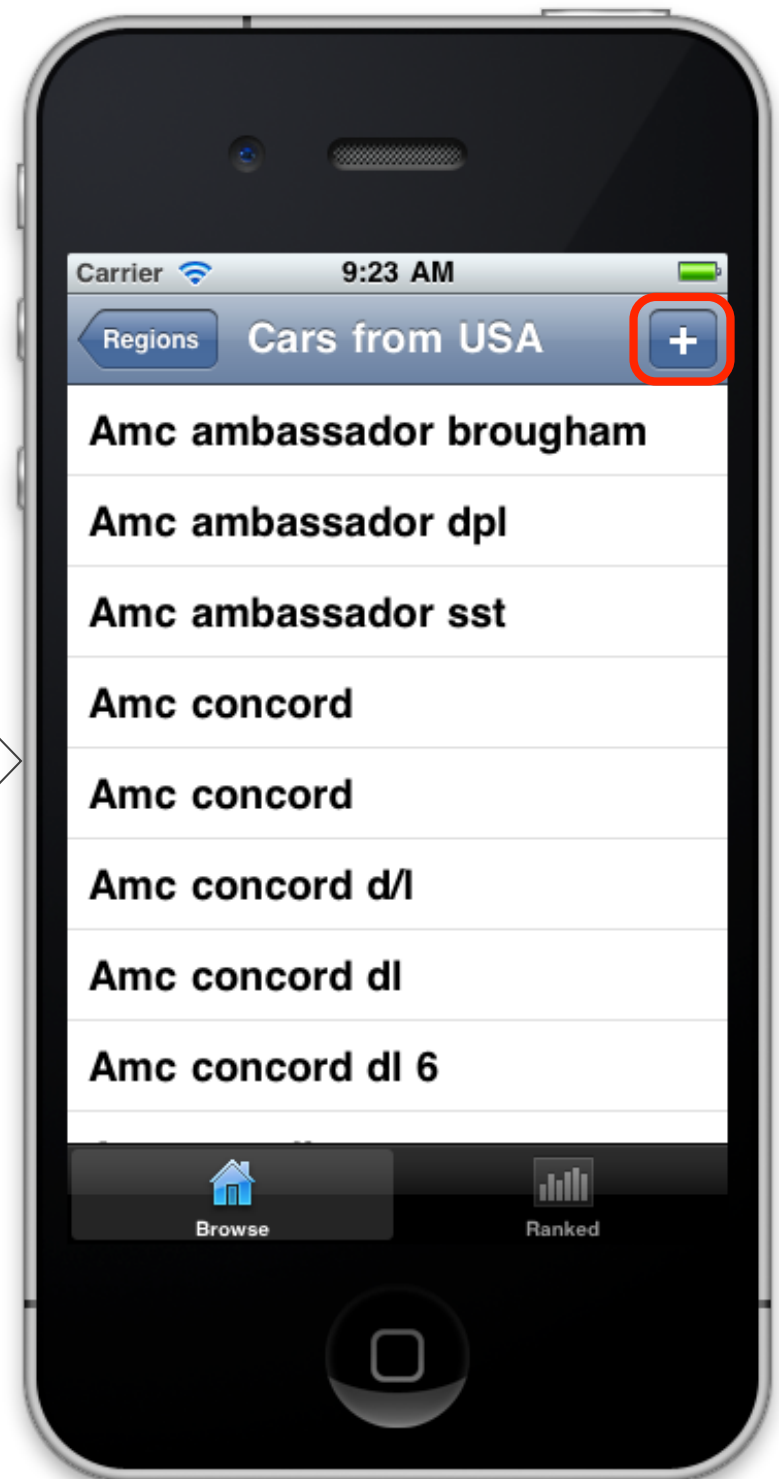
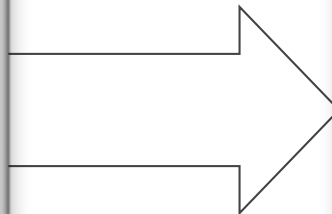
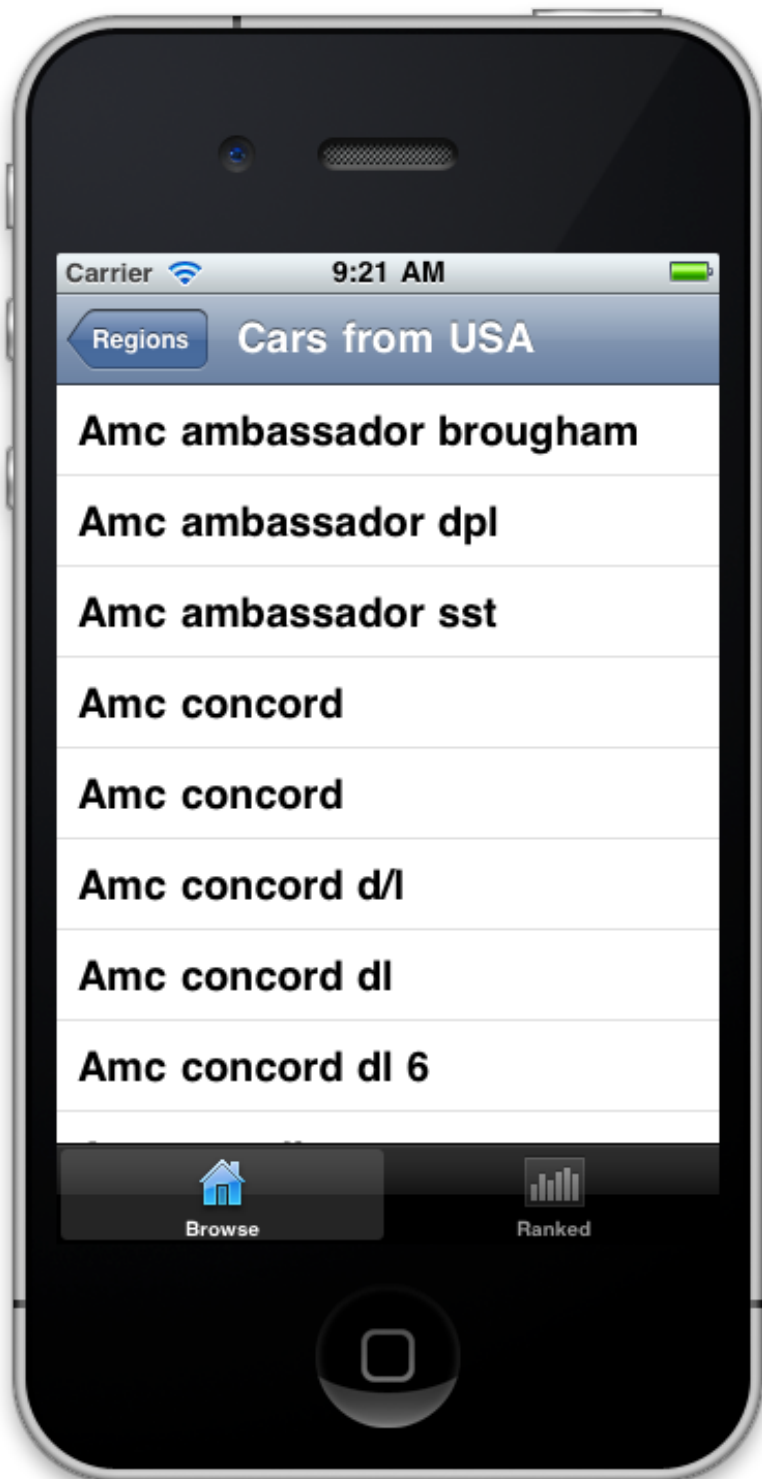
<http://www.sqlite.org/docs.html>

Notable SQLite features:

1. portable, single file source
2. C implementation & API
3. Most of SQL-92 standard
4. “Dynamic” SQL types

Notable missing features:

- db/table access control
- altering columns/constraints
- writing to views



```
$ sqlite3 cars.sqlite
SQLite version 3.6.12
Enter ".help" for instructions
Enter SQL statements terminated with a ";"
sqlite> CREATE TABLE cars      (id integer PRIMARY KEY,
...>                               name text);
sqlite> CREATE TABLE regions  (id integer PRIMARY KEY,
...>                               name text);
sqlite> CREATE TABLE car_stats (car_id integer,
...>                               mpg real,
...>                               cylinders integer,
...>                               displacement real,
...>                               horsepower real,
...>                               weight real,
...>                               acceleration real,
...>                               year integer,
...>                               region_id integer);
```

```
sqlite> INSERT INTO cars (name) VALUES ("Volkswagen Rabbit");
sqlite> INSERT INTO regions (name) VALUES ("Europe");
sqlite> INSERT INTO car_stats (car_id, region_id, mpg,
...>   cylinders, displacement, horsepower, weight,
...>   acceleration, year)
...> VALUES (1, 1, 21, 4, 2500, 170, 3072, 12, 2009);
```

cars.csv

```
1,chevrolet chevelle malibu
2,buick skylark 320
3,plymouth satellite
4,amc rebel sst
5,ford torino
6,ford galaxie 500
7,chevrolet impala
8,plymouth fury iii
9,pontiac catalina
10,amc ambassador dpl
...
```

stats.csv

```
1,18.0,8,307.0,130.0,3504,12.0,70,1
2,15.0,8,350.0,165.0,3693,11.5,70,1
3,18.0,8,318.0,150.0,3436,11.0,70,1
4,16.0,8,304.0,150.0,3433,12.0,70,1
5,17.0,8,302.0,140.0,3449,10.5,70,1
6,15.0,8,429.0,198.0,4341,10.0,70,1
7,14.0,8,454.0,220.0,4354,9.0,70,1
8,14.0,8,440.0,215.0,4312,8.5,70,1
9,14.0,8,455.0,225.0,4425,10.0,70,1
10,15.0,8,390.0,190.0,3850,8.5,70,1
...
```

regions.csv

```
1,USA
2,Europe
3,Japan
```

```
sqlite> .separator ','  
sqlite> .import ./cars.csv cars  
sqlite> .import ./regions.csv regions  
sqlite> .import ./data.csv car_stats
```



```
sqlite> .mode column
sqlite> .width 30 10 10
sqlite> SELECT c.name AS name, r.name AS origin, s.horsepower
...> FROM cars c, regions r, car_stats s
...> WHERE c.id = s.car_id AND s.region_id = r.id
...> ORDER BY horsepower DESC
...> LIMIT 10;
```

name	origin	horsepower
-----	-----	-----
pontiac grand prix	USA	230.0
pontiac catalina	USA	225.0
buick estate wagon (sw)	USA	225.0
buick electra 225 custom	USA	225.0
chevrolet impala	USA	220.0
plymouth fury iii	USA	215.0
ford f250	USA	215.0
chrysler new yorker brougham	USA	215.0
dodge d200	USA	210.0
mercury marquis	USA	208.0

```
sqlite> .width 10 10 10
sqlite> SELECT r.name AS origin,
...>         COUNT(*) AS num_cars,
...>         AVG(s.horsepower) AS avg_hp
...> FROM regions r, car_stats s
...> WHERE r.id = s.region_id
...> GROUP BY origin;
```

origin	num_cars	avg_hp
-----	-----	-----
Europe	73	78.7534246
Japan	79	79.8354430
USA	254	117.996062

recall: initialize database from app bundle;
save changes to “Documents”

¶ C API Overview

Essential objects:

1. db connection:

`sqlite3`

2. prepared statement:

`sqlite3_stmt`

Essential functions:

1. `sqlite3_open()`
2. `sqlite3_prepare()`
3. `sqlite3_step()`
4. `sqlite3_column_...()`
5. `sqlite3_finalize()`
6. `sqlite3_close()`

```
- (void)logNames {
    sqlite3 *db;
    sqlite3_stmt *stmt;
    sqlite3_open([databasePath UTF8String], &db);
    sqlite3_prepare_v2(db, "SELECT name FROM cars", -1, &stmt, NULL);
    while (sqlite3_step(stmt) == SQLITE_ROW) {
        NSString *aName = [NSString stringWithUTF8String:(char *)sqlite3_column_text(stmt, 0)];
        NSLog(@"Name: %@", aName);
    }
    sqlite3_finalize(stmt);
    sqlite3_close(db);
}
```

```
- (void)insertName {
    sqlite3 *db;
    sqlite3_stmt *stmt;
    sqlite3_open([databasePath UTF8String], &db);
    sqlite3_prepare_v2(db, "INSERT INTO cars (name) VALUES ('VW Rabbit'", -1, &stmt, NULL);
    sqlite3_step(stmt);
    sqlite3_finalize(stmt);
    sqlite3_close(db);
}
```

opening a new connection
to the database is **time-consuming!**

generating a prepared statement
incurs **overhead**

1. *reuse* single db connection
2. *reuse* prepared statements with `sql3_bind_...()`

```

static const char * const INSERT_NAME_SQL = "INSERT INTO cars (name) VALUES (?)" ;

static sqlite3_stmt *insert_stmt          = NULL ;

- (BOOL)openDB {
    if (sqlite3_open([databasePath UTF8String], &db) != SQLITE_OK) {
        return NO ;
    }
    if (sqlite3_prepare_v2(db, INSERT_NAME_SQL, -1, &insert_stmt, NULL) != SQLITE_OK) {
        sqlite3_finalize(insert_stmt) ;
        sqlite3_close(db) ;
        return NO ;
    }
}

- (void)writeNameToDB:(NSString *)name {
    sqlite3_reset(insert_stmt) ;
    sqlite3_bind_text(insert_stmt, 1, [name UTF8String], -1, SQLITE_TRANSIENT) ;
    if (sqlite3_step(insert_stmt) == SQLITE_DONE) {
        NSLog(@"Insert successful!") ;
    }
}

```

lot of potential for **bad design**

MVC-ish?

nope.

want to avoid mixing *db management*
with *controller* logic

model should handle its **own persistence**
(debatable)

also: all data currently in memory

— how to unload/reload on
low memory notifications?

design pattern: **active record**

— model objects act as in-memory,
dynamic records of the database

with relational databases, active record is an *object-relational mapping* (ORM) technique

model objects only need to know their DB
primary keys to access the rest of their data

key behavior: **hydrate/dehydrate**

hydrate = fetch model data from database

dehydrate = flush data to database (persist)
& release data in core

important goal: on-demand / lazy loading

e.g., top-level models: Cars & Regions

```
@interface Car : NSObject {
    sqlite3 *database;
    NSInteger primaryKey;

    NSString *name;
    double mpg;
    /* etc. */

    BOOL hydrated;
    BOOL dirty;
}

- (id)initWithPrimaryKey:(NSInteger)pk database:(sqlite3 *)db;
- (BOOL)insertIntoRegion:(Region *)region database:(sqlite3 *)db;

- (void)hydrate;
- (void)dehydrate;
@end
```

```
@interface Region : NSObject {
    sqlite3 *database;
    NSInteger primaryKey;
    NSString *name;
    NSMutableArray *carsFromRegion;
}

- (id)initWithPrimaryKey:(NSInteger)pk database:(sqlite3 *)db;

- (void)hydrate;
- (void)dehydrate;
@end
```

(Car.m)

```
static const char * const INIT_SQL = "SELECT name FROM cars WHERE id=?";
```

```
- (id)initWithPrimaryKey:(NSInteger)pk database:(sqlite3 *)db {
    if (self = [super init]) {
        primaryKey = pk;
        database = db;
        if (init_stmt == NULL) {
            sqlite3_prepare_v2(database, INIT_SQL, -1, &init_stmt, NULL);
        }

        sqlite3_bind_int(init_stmt, 1, primaryKey);
        if (sqlite3_step(init_stmt) == SQLITE_ROW) {
            self.name = [NSString stringWithUTF8String:
                (char *)sqlite3_column_text(init_stmt, 0)];
        }
        sqlite3_reset(init_stmt);

        dirty = NO;
        hydrated = NO;
    }
    return self;
}
```

(Car.m)

```
static const char * const HYDRATE_SQL = "SELECT name,mpg,cylinders,displacement,"  
    "          horsepower,weight,acceleration,year "  
    "FROM cars c, car_stats s "  
    "WHERE c.id=? AND s.car_id=?";
```

```
- (void)hydrate {  
    if (!hydrated) {  
        if (hydrate_stmt == NULL)  
            sqlite3_prepare_v2(database, HYDRATE_SQL, -1, &hydrate_stmt, NULL);  
  
        sqlite3_bind_int(hydrate_stmt, 1, primaryKey);  
        sqlite3_bind_int(hydrate_stmt, 2, primaryKey);  
        if (sqlite3_step(hydrate_stmt) == SQLITE_ROW) {  
            self.name = [NSString stringWithUTF8String:  
                (char *)sqlite3_column_text(hydrate_stmt, 0)];  
            mpg = sqlite3_column_double(hydrate_stmt, 1);  
            cylinders = sqlite3_column_int(hydrate_stmt, 2);  
            /* etc. */  
        }  
        sqlite3_reset(hydrate_stmt);  
  
        hydrated = YES;  
        dirty = NO;  
    }  
}
```

(Car.m)

```
static const char * const DEHYDRATE_CARNAME_SQL = "UPDATE cars SET name=?"
                                                "WHERE id=?";

static const char * const DEHYDRATE_CARSTATS_SQL = "UPDATE car_stats "
                                                    "SET mpg=?,cylinders=?,displacement=?"
                                                    "    horsepower=?,weight=?,"
                                                    "    acceleration=?,year=? "
                                                    "WHERE car_id=?";

- (void)dehydrate {
    BOOL success = YES;

    if (!dirty || !hydrated)
        return;

    if (dehydrate_carname_stmt == nil) {
        sqlite3_prepare_v2(database, DEHYDRATE_CARNAME_SQL, -1,
                           &dehydrate_carname_stmt, NULL);
        sqlite3_prepare_v2(database, DEHYDRATE_CARSTATS_SQL, -1,
                           &dehydrate_carstats_stmt, NULL);
    }

    sqlite3_step(begin_transaction_stmt);

    sqlite3_bind_text(dehydrate_carname_stmt, 1, [name UTF8String], -1, SQLITE_TRANSIENT);
    sqlite3_bind_int(dehydrate_carname_stmt, 2, primaryKey);
    success = sqlite3_step(dehydrate_carname_stmt) == SQLITE_DONE;
    sqlite3_reset(dehydrate_carname_stmt);
```

(Car.m)

(-dehydrate continued)

```
sqlite3_bind_double(dehydrate_carstats_stmt, 1, mpg);  
sqlite3_bind_int(  dehydrate_carstats_stmt, 2, cylinders);  
/* etc. */
```

```
success = success && sqlite3_step(dehydrate_carstats_stmt) == SQLITE_DONE;  
sqlite3_reset(dehydrate_carstats_stmt);
```

```
if (success) {  
    self.name = nil;  
    mpg = displacement = horsepower = weight = acceleration = 0.0;  
    cylinders = year = 0;  
    hydrated = NO;  
    dirty = NO;  
    sqlite3_step(commit_transaction_stmt);  
} else {  
    sqlite3_step(rollback_transaction_stmt);  
}  
}
```

(Car.m)

```
- (void)prepareTransactionalStatements {  
    if (begin_transaction_stmt != NULL)  
        return;  
    sqlite3_prepare_v2(database, "BEGIN EXCLUSIVE TRANSACTION", -1,  
        &begin_transaction_stmt, NULL);  
    sqlite3_prepare_v2(database, "COMMIT TRANSACTION", -1,  
        &commit_transaction_stmt, NULL);  
    sqlite3_prepare_v2(database, "ROLLBACK TRANSACTION", -1,  
        &rollback_transaction_stmt, NULL);  
}
```

(Car.m)

```
- (void)setName:(NSString *)aName {
    dirty = YES;
    name = aName;
}

- (void)setMpg:(double)theMpg {
    dirty = YES;
    mpg = theMpg;
}

/* etc. */
```

(Car.m)

```
static const char * const INSERT_CARNAME_SQL = "INSERT INTO cars (name) VALUES (?)";  
  
static const char * const INSERT_CARSTATS_SQL = "INSERT INTO car_stats "  
                                                "(car_id,mpg,cylinders,displacement,horsepower,"  
                                                " weight,acceleration,year,region_id) "  
                                                "VALUES (?, ?, ?, ?, ?, ?, ?, ?, ?)";
```

```
- (BOOL)insertIntoRegion:(Region *)region database:(sqlite3 *)db {  
    ...  
    sqlite3_bind_text(insert_carname_stmt, 1, [name UTF8String], -1, SQLITE_TRANSIENT);  
    if (sqlite3_step(insert_carname_stmt) == SQLITE_DONE) {  
        primaryKey = sqlite3_last_insert_rowid(database);  
    }  
  
    sqlite3_bind_int( insert_carstats_stmt, 1, primaryKey);  
    sqlite3_bind_double(insert_carstats_stmt, 2, mpg);  
    sqlite3_bind_int( insert_carstats_stmt, 3, cylinders);  
    /* etc. */  
    sqlite3_step(insert_carstats_stmt);  
  
    hydrated = YES;  
    dirty = NO;  
    ...  
}
```

(Region.m)

```
static const char * const ALL_CARS_SQL = "SELECT c.id FROM cars c, car_stats s "  
                                         "WHERE c.id=s.car_id AND s.region_id=?"  
                                         "ORDER BY c.name";
```

```
- (id)initWithPrimaryKey:(NSInteger)pk database:(sqlite3 *)db {  
    ...  
    carsFromRegion = [[NSMutableArray alloc] init];  
    sqlite3_bind_int(all_cars_statement, 1, primaryKey);  
    while (sqlite3_step(all_cars_statement) == SQLITE_ROW) {  
        Car *car = [[Car alloc] initWithPrimaryKey:sqlite3_column_int(  
                                                         all_cars_statement, 0)  
                                                         database:database];  
        [carsFromRegion addObject:car];  
    }  
    ...  
}  
  
- (void)hydrate {  
    [carsFromRegion makeObjectsPerformSelector:@selector(hydrate)];  
}  
  
- (void)dehydrate {  
    [carsFromRegion makeObjectsPerformSelector:@selector(dehydrate)];  
}
```

when to hydrate/dehydrate?

(CarListViewController.m)

```
- (void)tableView:(UITableView *)tableView didSelectRowAtIndexPath:(NSIndexPath *)indexPath {
    CarViewController *viewController = [[CarViewController alloc
                                         initWithStyle:UITableViewStyleGrouped];
    Car *car = [region.carsFromRegion objectAtIndex:indexPath.row];
    [car hydrate];
    viewController.car = car;
    [self.navigationController pushViewController:viewController animated:YES];
}

- (void)didReceiveMemoryWarning {
    [super didReceiveMemoryWarning];
    [region dehydrate];
}
```

(CarsAppDelegate.m)

```
- (void)applicationWillTerminate:(UIApplication *)application {  
    [allRegions makeObjectsPerformSelector:@selector(dehydrate)];  
    [Region finalizeStatements];  
    sqlite3_close(database);  
}
```

phew!

not a bad solution, but it still needs
a lot of work ...

some issues:

- how to cleanly create a new top-level object without knowing about primary keys?
- what if one controller adds objects to the DB that another controller cares about?
- how to ensure object uniqueness? (i.e., only one object for a given primary key)

§ Core Data, next!