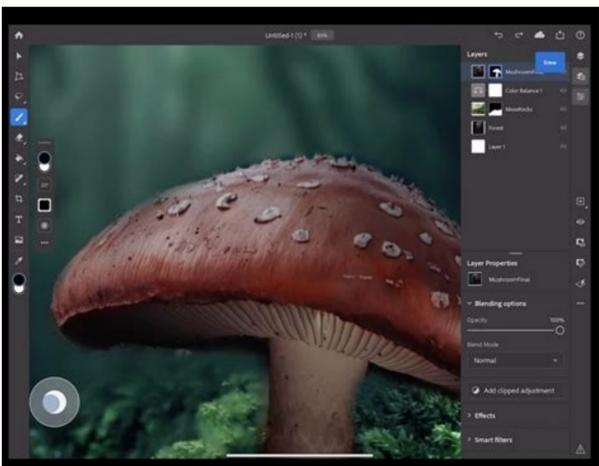
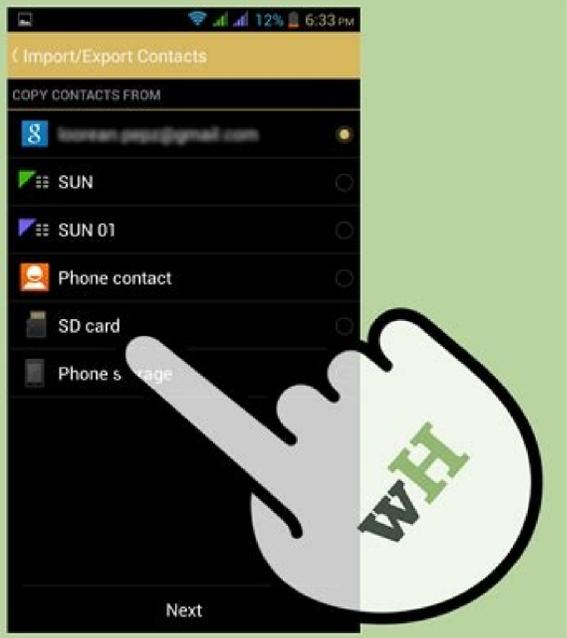


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each of the sync adapters listed with a different content provider on the device. Because most services require users to verify their identity before accessing data, Android provides an authentication framework similar to, and often used in conjunction with, the sync adapter. The authentication system uses pluggable authenticators, which are subclasses of the `AbstractAccountAuthenticator` class. The authenticator verifies the user's identity by performing the following steps: Gathers a username, password, or similar information (user credentials). Sends credentials to the service. Checks the response of a service. If the service accepts credentials, the authenticator can store the credentials for later use. With a pluggable authentication framework, the `AccountManager` can provide access to all authenticators supported by the authenticator and chosen to be exposed, such as OAuth2 credentials. While authentication is not required, most contact services require it. However, you don't need Android authentication system for authentication.

Implementing a Sync Adapter To implement a sync adapter for a contact provider, start by creating an Android application that contains: A service component that responds to system requests to bind to a sync adapter. When the system wants to start synchronization, it calls the `onBind()` method of the service to obtain an `IBinder` for the synchronization adapter. This allows the system to make interprocess calls to adapter methods. The actual sync adapter, implemented as a concrete subclass of `AbstractThreadedSyncAdapter`. This class handles loading data from the server, sending data from the device, and conflict resolution. The main work of the adapter is done by the `onPerformSync()` method. This class must be created as a single class. Subclass application. This class acts as a single synchronization adapter factory. Use the `onCreate()` method to synchronize the adapter and provide a static "derived" method that returns the `onBind()` method of the synchronization adapter service singleton. Optional: A service component that responds to system requests for user authentication. `AccountManager` starts this service and starts the authentication process. The `onCreate()` method of the service creates an instance of the authentication object. When the system wants to authenticate an `Application Sync Adapter` user account, it calls the service's `onBind()` method to obtain the authenticator's `IBinder`. This allows the system to make cross-process calls to authentication methods. Optional: A concrete subclass of `AbstractAccountAuthenticator` that handles authentication requests. This class provides methods that `AccountManager` uses to verify user credentials against the server. The details of the authentication process vary greatly depending on the server technology used. See the server software documentation for more information.XML files that define the system synchronization adapter and authenticator. The synchronization adapters and authentication service components described above are defined in elements in the application manifest. These elements contain child elements that provide the system with specific data: The element for the sync adapter service refers to the XML file `res/xml/syncadapter.xml`. This file in turn defines the URI of the web service that is synchronized with the contact provider and the account type of the web service. Optional: The authenticator element points to the XML file `res/xml/authenticator.xml`. This file, in turn, specifies the type of account supported by this authenticator, as well as the user interface resources that are provided during the authentication process. The account type specified in this element must match the account type specified in the sync adapter. Social Stream Data The `android.provider.ContactsContract.StreamItems` and `android.provider.ContactsContract.StreamItemPhotos` tables manage incoming social media data. You can write a sync adapter that adds streaming data from your network to these tables, or you can read streaming data from these tables and display them in your application, or both. These features allow you to integrate social networking services and applications with the Android social networking experience. The text stream elements of a social stream are always associated with a raw contact. `android.provider.ContactsContract.StreamItemsColumns#RAW_CONTACT_ID` is bound to the `_ID` value of the raw contact. The stream element string also stores the account type and account name of the raw contact. Store data from your stream in the following columns: `android.provider.ContactsContract.StreamItemsColumns#ACCOUNT_TYPE` Required. The user account type of the raw contact associated with this flow element. Don't forget to set this value when inserting the flow element. Required. The user account name of the raw contact associated with this flow element. Don't forget to set this value when inserting the flow element. Identity columns are required. When inserting a stream element, the following identity columns must be inserted: `android.provider.ContactsContract.StreamItemsColumns#CONTACT_ID`: The `android.provider.BaseColumns#_ID` value of the contact this stream element is associated with. `android.provider.ContactsContract.StreamItemsColumns#RAW_CONTACT_ID`: The `android.provider.ContactsContract.StreamItemsColumns#RAW_CONTACT_ID` value for the raw contact this stream item is associated with. `android.provider.ContactsContract.StreamItemsColumns#COMMENTS` Optional. Stores summary information that you can view at the beginning of the flow element. `android.provider.ContactsContract.StreamItemsColumns#TEXT` The text of the stream item, either the content published by the item's source, or a description of the action that created the stream item. This column can contain any formatting and inline resource images that can be rendered with `fromHtml()`. The service provider may shorten or lengthen long content, but tries not to break the tags. `android.provider.ContactsContract.StreamItemsColumns#TIMESTAMP` A text string containing the time in milliseconds since the stream item was inserted or updated. Applications that insert or update stream elements are responsible for maintaining this column; it is not automatically supported by the contact provider. To display the IDs of your stream items, use `android.provider.ContactsContract.StreamItemsColumns#RES_ICON`, `android.provider.ContactsContract.StreamItemsColumns#RES_LABEL` and `android.provider.ContactsContract.StreamItemsColumn` to bind resources in your application. `#RES` Column.the table also contains `android.provider.ContactsContract.StreamItemsColumns#SYNC1` using `android.provider.ContactsContract.StreamItemsColumns#SYNC4` for the exclusive use of sync adapters. Social media stream photos The `android.provider.ContactsContract.StreamItemPhotos` table stores photos associated with a stream item. The table column `android.provider.ContactsContract.StreamItemPhotosColumns#STREAM_ITEM_ID` is combined with the values in the `_ID` column of the `android.provider.ContactsContract.StreamItems` table. References to photos are stored in the table in the following columns: `android.provider.ContactsContract.StreamItemPhotos#PHOTO` (BLOB). A binary representation of a photo that has been resized by a storage and display service provider. This column is available for backward compatibility with previous versions of the contacts provider that used it to store photos. However, in the current version, this column should not be used to store photos. Instead, use `android.provider.ContactsContract.StreamItemPhotosColumns#PHOTO_FILE_ID` or `android.provider.ContactsContract.StreamItemPhotosColumns#PHOTO_URI` to save photos to a file (both described in the points below). This column now has a legible photo thumbnail. `android.provider.ContactsContract.StreamItemPhotosColumns#PHOTO_FILE_ID` Numeric photo ID of the raw contact. Add this value to the `DisplayPhoto.CONTENT_URI` constant to get the holder of the image file. Using Social Streaming Tables These tables work like other main contact provider tables with the exception: these tables require additional access permissions. `readyour app must have android.Manifest.permission#READ_SOCIAL_STREAM`. Your app must have `android.Manifest.permission#WRITE_SOCIAL_STREAM` permission to edit them. The `android.provider.ContactsContract.StreamItems` table has a limited number of rows stored for each raw contact. When this limit is reached, the contacts provider makes room for new stream item rows by automatically deleting the rows with the oldest `android.provider.ContactsContract.StreamItemsColumns#TIMESTAMP`. To get the limit, query the content URI `android.provider.ContactsContract.StreamItems#CONTENT_LIMIT_URI`. You can set all non-content URI arguments to null. The query returns a cursor containing one row with one column `android.provider.ContactsContract.StreamItemsColumns#MAX_ITEMS`. The `android.provider.ContactsContract.StreamItems.StreamItemPhotos` class defines a subclass of `android.provider.ContactsContract.StreamItemPhotos` that contains rows of photos per stream item. Interaction with Social Streaming Social streaming data, managed by the contact provider in conjunction with the contact application on the device, offers an efficient way to connect the social networking system to existing contacts. The following features are available: When synchronizing a social network service with a contact provider using the sync adapter, the user's recent contact activity can be retrieved and stored in the `android.provider.ContactsContract.StreamItems` and `android.provider.ContactsContract.StreamItemPhotos` tables for later use. In addition to normal synchronization, you can activate the synchronization adapter to download additional data when the user selects a contact to view. This allows the sync adapter to download high-resolution photos and recent stream items for that contact. After you register notifications in your device's contacts app and contact provider, you can receive notifications when a contact appears and this item updates the contact status from your service. This approach can be faster and uses less bandwidth than a full sync using a sync adapter. Users can add a contact to your social networking service by viewing it in the Contacts app on their device. You enable this with the `Invite Contact` feature, which you enable by combining an action that adds an existing contact to your network and an XML file that provides the contact app on your device and the contact provider with details about your app. The periodic synchronization of Stream items with the contact provider is the same as other synchronizations. For more information about synchronization, see `Contact Service Provider Sync Adapters`. Registering notifications and inviting contacts is covered in the next two sections. Registering for social browsing To register the sync adapter to receive notifications when a user views a contact managed by the sync adapter: Create a file named `Contacts.xml` in the `res/xml/` directory of your project. If you already have this file, you can skip this step. Add to this file. If this item already exists, you can skip this step. To register one of your activities to handle a stream item, in the device's Contacts app, click and add the `viewStreamItemActivity="activityclass"` attribute to the item, where `activityclass` is the fully qualified name of the activity class that the intent should get from the device's Contacts app. To record one of your activities to process a user's click on a device-streamed photo in the Contacts app, add the `viewStreamItemPhotoActivity="activityclass"` attribute to the element, where `activityclass` is the fully qualified name of the activity class that the intent to receive. from your device's Contacts app. The element is described in more detail in the element. The incoming intent contains the content URI of the item or photo that the user clicked. To perform separate operations on text elements and images, use both attributes in the same file. Social interaction Users do not have to leave the device's Contacts app to invite a contact to a social network. Instead, you can send the `People` app on your device to invite a contact to one of your activities. To set this up: Create a file called `Contacts.xml` in your project's `res/xml/` directory. If you already have this file, you can skip this step. Add contained in: `res/xml/contacts.xml` may contain: Description: Declares Android components and UI markup that allows contacts to invite a user on social networks, notify users, when one of their social media streams gets updated, etc. Note that the attribute prefix `android:` is not required Attributes: `KutsuContactActivity` The fully qualified name of the activity class in your app that you want to activate when the user selects `Add Connection` text `vatContactActionLabel` in the app `ko ntags` on the device The string to display for the action specified in the `Add connection` menu. For example, you can use "Follow on my network". You can use a string resource ID for this label. `viewContactNotifyService` The fully qualified name of class `ain` an application that should receive a notification when a user views a contact. This notification is sent from the contacts application on the device; allows your application to defer data-intensive operations until they are needed. For example, your application can respond to this notification by loading and displaying the contact's high-resolution photo and the latest social media items. This feature is described in more detail in the `Social Stream Interactions` section. `viewGroupActivity` The fully qualified name of the activity class in your application that can display group information. When a user taps a group feature in the `People` app on their device, the user interface for that action is displayed. `viewGroupActionLabel` The label that the Contacts application displays for a UI control that allows the user to view groups in your application. A string resource identifier is allowed for this attribute. `viewStreamItemActivity` The fully qualified name of the activity class in your app that the contact app runs on the device when the user taps a stream item in a raw contact. `viewStreamItemPhotoActivity` The fully qualified name of the activity class in your app that the contact app runs on the device when a user clicks a photo in a stream item to get raw contact. The Element The element controls the display of your application's custom data rows in the Contacts UI. It has the following syntax: Contained in: Description: This element is used to specify the Contact The application displays the custom data content row as part of the raw contact information. Each child element of the element represents a custom data row type that your sync adapter adds to `ContactsContract.Data`. Add an element for each custom MIME type you use. If you have a custom row of data that you don't want to display, you don't need to add an entry. Attributes: `android:mimeType` A custom MIME type that you defined for one of the custom data row types in the `ContactsContract.Data` table. For example, the value `vnd.android.cursor.item/vnd.example.locationstatus` can be a custom MIME type for a data line that records the contact's last known location. `android:icon` A drawable Android resource that displays the Contacts app next to your information. Use it to indicate to the user that the data comes from your service. `android:summaryColumn` The column name for the first of the two values retrieved from the data row. The value appears as the first line of the record for that row of data. The first row is intended as a summary of the data, but is optional. See also `android:detailColumn`. `android:detailColumn` The column name for the second of the two values retrieved from the data row. The value appears as the second row of the record for that row of data. See also `android:summaryColumn`. Other features of the contact provider In addition to the main features described in the previous sections, the contact provider provides the following useful features for working with contact data: contact groups photo features of contact groups The contact provider can optionally mark collections of related contacts with group data. If the server associated with the user account wants to manage groups, the account-type synchronization adapter must transfer the group data between the contact provider and the server. When users add a new contact to the server and then place that contact in a new group, the synchronization adapter must add the new group to the `ContactsContract.Groups` table. The group or groups to which the raw contact belongs are stored in the `ContactsContract.Data` table using the `ContactsContract.CommonDataKinds.GroupMembership` MIME type. If you want to syncwhich adds raw contact data from the server to the contact provider and you do not use groups, you must instruct the provider to share your data. In the code that runs when the user adds the account to the device, update the `ContactsContract.Settings` line that the contact provider added to the account. In this row, set the value in the `Settings.UNGROUPED_VISIBLE` column to 1. If you do this, the contact provider will always make your contact information visible, even if you don't use groups. Contact Photos The `ContactsContract.Data` table stores photos as rows with MIME type `Photo.CONTENT_ITEM_TYPE`. The row's `CONTACT_ID` column is concatenated with the `_ID` column of the raw contact it belongs to. The `ContactsContract.Contacts.Photo` class defines a `ContactsContract.Contacts` subclass that contains information about the contact's primary photo, which is the primary photo of the contact's primary contact. Similarly, the `ContactsContract.RawContacts.DisplayPhoto` class defines a `ContactsContract.RawContacts` subclass that contains the photo information for the contact's original photo. The reference documentation for `ContactsContract.Contacts.Photo` and `ContactsContract.RawContacts.DisplayPhoto` provides examples of how to get information about a photo. There is no appropriate class to get the primary thumbnail for a raw contact, but you can query the `ContactsContract.Data` table by selecting `Raw Contact_ID`, `Photo.CONTENT_ITEM_TYPE` and the `IS_PRIMARY` column to find the primary contact row with photos. A person's social stream data may also include photos. They are stored in the `android.provider.ContactsContract.StreamItemPhotos` table, which is described in more detail in the `Social Stream Photos` section. Pictures.

