

# Mobile Applications

## 2. User interfaces in Android

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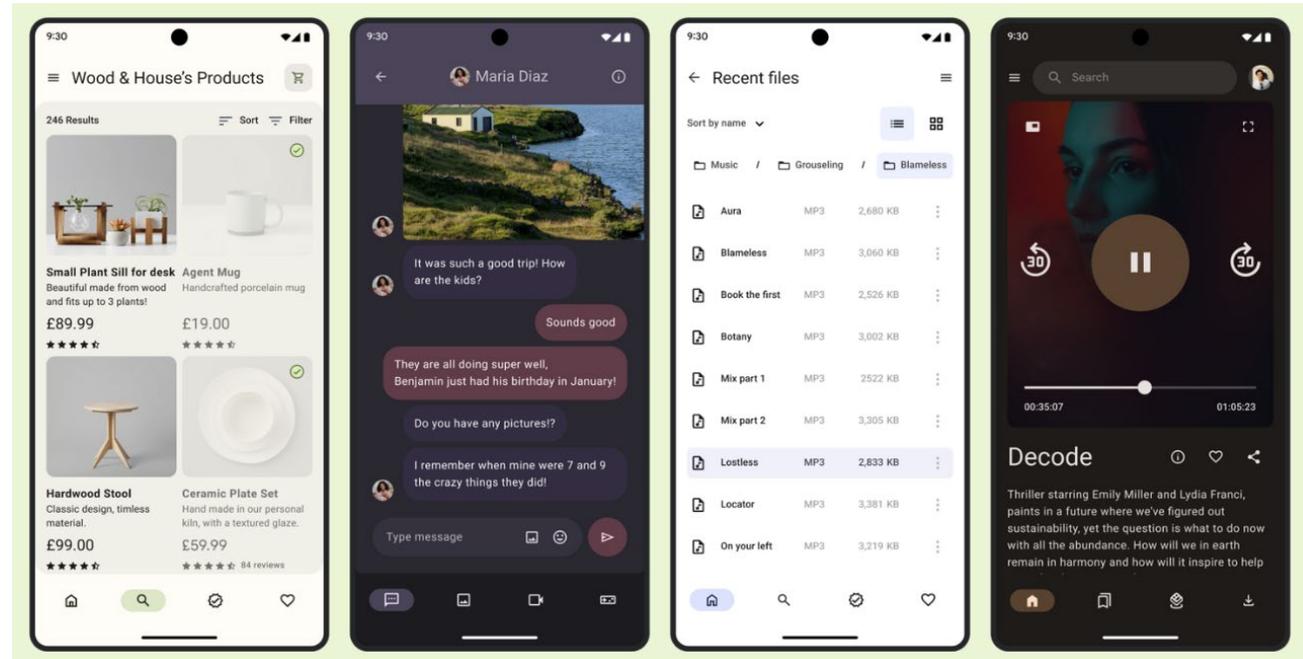


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# 1. Introduction

- In mobile apps, the **User Interface (UI)** refers to the visual and interactive elements through which users interact with an app to perform tasks or access information



<https://developer.android.com/design/ui>

# 1. Introduction

- The UI is critical for the overall user experience (UX) and includes:
  1. Interactive elements: buttons, text fields, and other touchable components
  2. Visual design: layout, colors, typography, icons, and images
  3. Navigation: how users move between screens or sections (e.g., tabs, menus, back navigation)
  4. Responsiveness: adaptation to different screen sizes, orientations, and devices
  5. Accessibility: features that make the app usable for people with disabilities (e.g., screen readers, larger text)

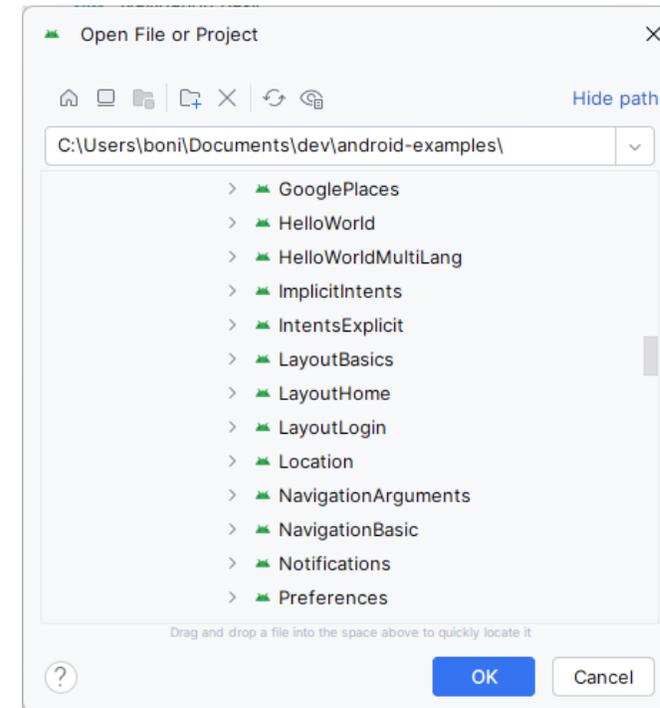
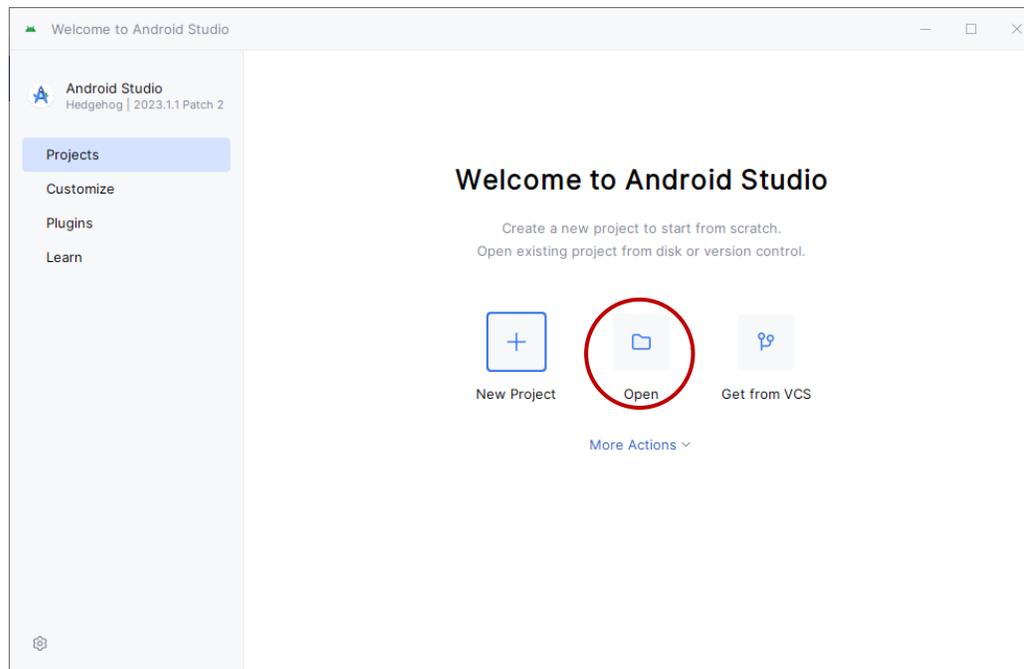
# 1. Introduction

- Android provides two main approaches to build UIs:
  1. Android view system (legacy approach):
    - UI defined using XML layout files
    - Imperative programming model (step-by-step instructions)
    - Widely used in existing apps
  2. Jetpack Compose (modern approach):
    - UI defined directly in Kotlin code
    - Declarative programming model (state-driven, reactive updates)
    - Recommended for new apps

In this course, we focus on **Jetpack Compose**, which represents the recommended approach for modern Android development

# 1. Introduction

- To follow the master lectures, it is highly recommended to clone the **GitHub examples repository** and import each app in Android Studio to play with it



<https://github.com/bonigarcia/android-examples/>

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## 2. Activities

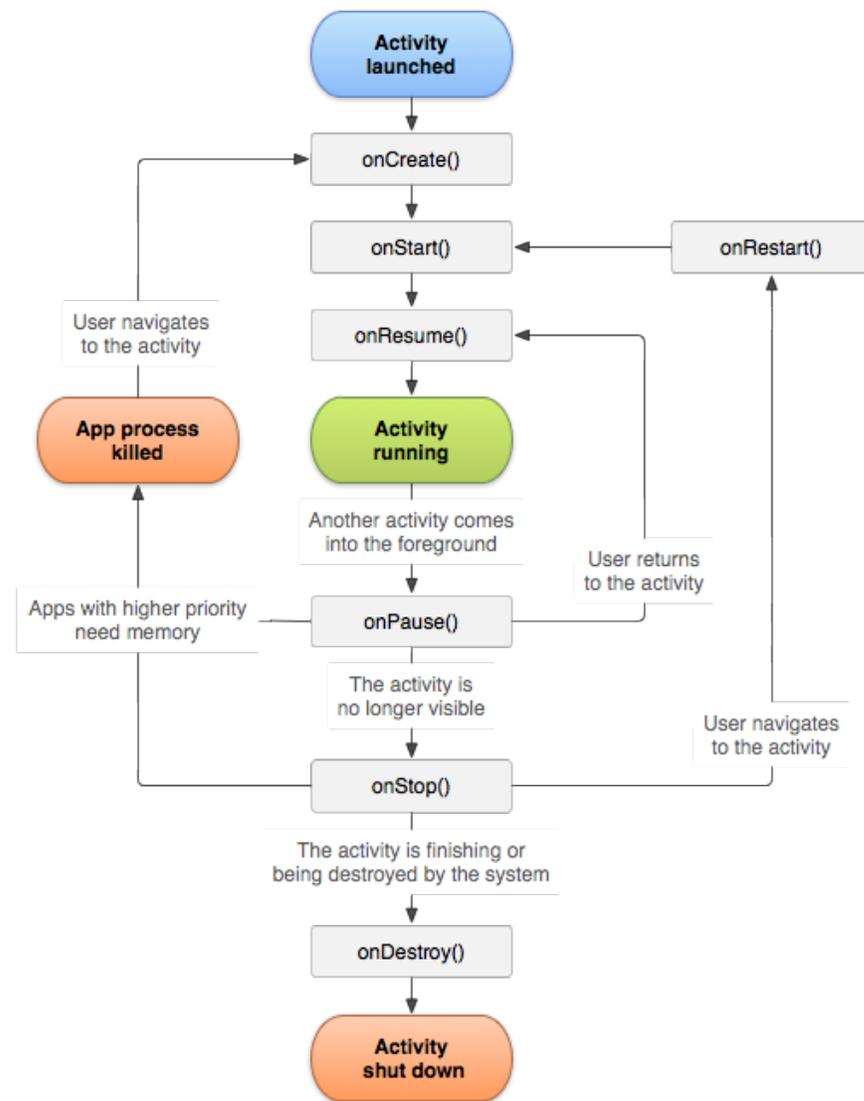
- An **Activity** is a type of app component which represents a single screen with a UI
- Activities acts as:
  - The entry point for user interaction
  - A container that hosts the UI
- Each activity (like any other app component in Android) is implemented using a Java/Kotlin class and declared in the Android **manifest**
- Activities are managed by the Android system and move through different **lifecycle** states based on user actions and system events

<https://developer.android.com/guide/components/activities/intro-activities>

## 2. Activities

- Activities through different states (e.g., *created*, *paused*, *destroyed*, etc.) based on the user's interactions and the lifecycle of the app
- When an activity changes state, Android invokes specific Java/Kotlin methods called lifecycle *callbacks*

Typically, we only need to implement the `onCreate()` callback in our activities



## 2. Activities

- Example of Android manifest in the “hello world” app:

AndroidManifest.xml

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<manifest xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android">

  <application
    android:icon="@mipmap/ic_launcher"
    android:label="@string/app_name"
    android:roundIcon="@mipmap/ic_launcher_round"
    android:theme="@style/Theme.HelloWorld">
    <activity
      android:name="MainActivity"
      android:exported="true">
      <intent-filter>
        <action android:name="android.intent.action.MAIN" />
        <category android:name="android.intent.category.LAUNCHER" />
      </intent-filter>
    </activity>
  </application>

</manifest>
```

The activity **MainActivity** will be implemented as a Java/Kotlin class

## 2. Activities

- The structure of an Activity implemented in Kotlin is as follows:

```
class MainActivity : ComponentActivity() {  
    override fun onCreate(savedInstanceState: Bundle?) {  
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState)  
  
        // UI logic  
    }  
}
```

- `class MainActivity` → Kotlin class
- `ComponentActivity` → Parent class for activities
- `override fun onCreate` → activity entry point (*callback*)
- `savedInstanceState: Bundle?` → parameter used to restore saved state when the activity is recreated. The operator `?` allows this parameter to be null
- `super.onCreate(savedInstanceState)` → call to parent to ensure proper initialization
- `// UI logic` → View definition (in Android view system) or composables (in Jetpack Compose)

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## 3. Android view system

- The **Android view system** is the original framework used to build user interfaces in Android
- Key characteristics:
  - UI is defined using XML layout files
  - Follows an imperative programming model
    - Developers explicitly tell how to handle the UI step by step (e.g., create views, modify them, show or hide them)

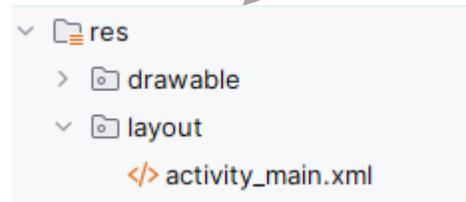
XML-based views are still supported alongside Jetpack Compose for backward compatibility and mixed use cases where apps have both XML layouts and Jetpack Compose

# 3. Android view system

- A basic example (Hello World) using the legacy Android View System:

MainActivity.java

```
public class MainActivity extends AppCompatActivity {  
  
    @Override  
    protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {  
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);  
        setContentView(R.layout.activity_main);  
    }  
}
```



activity\_main.xml

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>  
<androidx.constraintlayout.widget.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=".MainActivity">  
  
    <TextView  
        android:layout_width="wrap_content"  
        android:layout_height="wrap_content"  
        android:text="Hello World!"  
        app:layout_constraintBottom_toBottomOf="parent"  
        app:layout_constraintEnd_toEndOf="parent"  
        app:layout_constraintStart_toStartOf="parent"  
        app:layout_constraintTop_toTopOf="parent" />  
  
</androidx.constraintlayout.widget.ConstraintLayout>
```



This layout contained only one visual element: a `TextView`, which displays some text to the user

# 3. Android view system

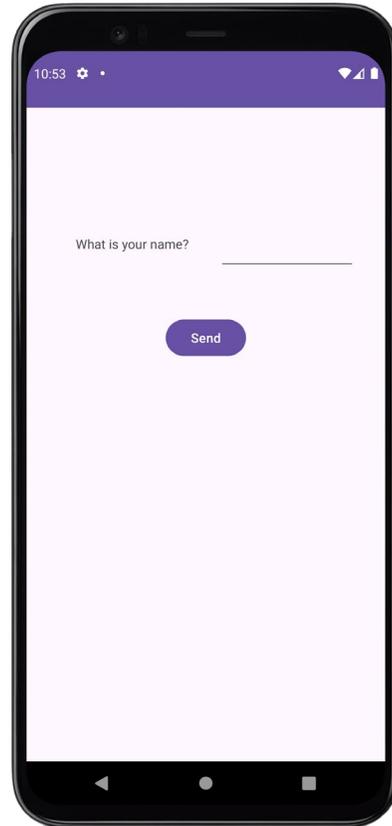
- Another example:

```
public class MainActivity extends AppCompatActivity {

    @Override
    protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
        setContentView(R.layout.activity_main);

        View button = findViewById(R.id.button);
        button.setOnClickListener(view -> {
            Intent intent = new Intent(getBaseContext(), SecondActivity.class);
            EditText nameText = findViewById(R.id.editText);
            intent.putExtra("name", nameText.getText().toString());
            startActivity(intent);
        });
    }
}
```

The Android view system required a lot of repetitive code (*boilerplate*) and was error-prone, so we **won't use** this type of UI in this course



```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<androidx.constraintlayout.widget.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=".MainActivity">

    <TextView
        android:id="@+id/nameLabel"
        android:layout_width="wrap_content"
        android:layout_height="wrap_content"
        android:text="@string/edit_message"
        app:layout_constraintBottom_toBottomOf="parent"
        app:layout_constraintEnd_toEndOf="parent"
        app:layout_constraintHorizontal_bias="0.2"
        app:layout_constraintStart_toStartOf="parent"
        app:layout_constraintTop_toTopOf="parent"
        app:layout_constraintVertical_bias="0.2" />

    <EditText
        android:id="@+id/editText"
        android:layout_width="150dp"
        android:layout_height="wrap_content"
        app:layout_constraintBottom_toBottomOf="parent"
        app:layout_constraintEnd_toEndOf="parent"
        app:layout_constraintHorizontal_bias="0.5"
        app:layout_constraintStart_toEndOf="@+id/nameLabel"
        app:layout_constraintTop_toTopOf="parent"
        app:layout_constraintVertical_bias="0.2" />

    <Button
        android:id="@+id/button"
        android:layout_width="wrap_content"
        android:layout_height="wrap_content"
        android:text="@string/button_send"
        app:layout_constraintBottom_toBottomOf="parent"
        app:layout_constraintEnd_toEndOf="parent"
        app:layout_constraintHorizontal_bias="0.5"
        app:layout_constraintStart_toStartOf="parent"
        app:layout_constraintTop_toBottomOf="@+id/editText"
        app:layout_constraintVertical_bias="0.1" />

</androidx.constraintlayout.widget.ConstraintLayout>
```

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# 4. Jetpack Compose

- **Jetpack Compose** is a Google's toolkit for building native UIs in Android, recommended in modern Android development
- Key characteristics and advantages:
  - Kotlin-based: UI is written entirely in Kotlin, without XML layouts
  - Declarative: The UI describes what it should look like, not how to draw it
  - Reactive: The UI automatically updates in response to state changes
  - Less boilerplate: More functionality with less code compared to the XML View system
  - High performance: Optimized rendering with efficient UI updates
  - Rich tooling support: Live previews and multiple preview configurations in Android Studio

<https://developer.android.com/compose>



Jetpack Compose requires API level 21 (Android 5.0) or higher

# 4. Jetpack Compose - Setup

- To use Jetpack Compose, we need to set up our Android project (using Gradle) with the necessary configuration and dependencies

build.gradle.kts (project)

```
plugins {  
    alias(libs.plugins.android.application) apply false  
    alias(libs.plugins.kotlin.compose) apply false  
}
```

We don't need to implement this configuration manually, since Android Studio creates it for us (e.g., using the "Empty activity" wizard to create a new project)

The versions of these plugins and dependencies are defined in the *version catalog* (`libs.versions.toml` file)

build.gradle.kts (app)

```
plugins {  
    alias(libs.plugins.android.application)  
    alias(libs.plugins.kotlin.compose)  
}  
  
android {  
    buildFeatures {  
        compose = true  
    }  
}  
  
dependencies {  
    implementation(libs.androidx.core.ktx)  
    implementation(libs.androidx.lifecycle.runtime.ktx)  
    implementation(libs.androidx.activity.compose)  
    implementation(platform(libs.androidx.compose.bom))  
    implementation(libs.androidx.ui)  
    implementation(libs.androidx.ui.graphics)  
    implementation(libs.androidx.ui.tooling.preview)  
    implementation(libs.androidx.material3)  
    debugImplementation(libs.androidx.ui.tooling)  
    debugImplementation(libs.androidx.ui.test.manifest)  
}
```

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# 5. Compose functions

- A **composable** (or **compose function**) is a Kotlin function that defines a piece of UI. They are the building blocks of Jetpack Compose:
  - Functions annotated with `@Composable`
  - Describe how a portion of the UI should look based on the current state
- Key characteristics:
  - Declarative: Instead of describing how the UI changes step by step, composables describe what the UI should look like
  - Reusable: Composable functions can be called from other composables, making UIs modular and reusable
  - State-driven: Composables react to changes in state; when the state changes, the composable is recomposed to reflect the new state

# 5. Compose functions

- In Jetpack Compose, activities are lightweight containers for UI composables:

```
class MainActivity : AppCompatActivity() {
    override fun onCreate(savedInstanceState: Bundle?) {
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState)
        enableEdgeToEdge()
        setContent {
            MyAppTheme {
                Scaffold(modifier = Modifier.fillMaxSize()) { innerPadding ->
                    Greeting(
                        name = "Android",
                        modifier = Modifier.padding(innerPadding)
                    )
                }
            }
        }
    }
}

@Composable
fun Greeting(name: String, modifier: Modifier = Modifier) {
    Text(
        text = "Hello $name!",
        modifier = modifier
    )
}
```

- `@Composable` → Annotation to mark the function as a compose function
- `Greeting` → The name of the function. It takes a string parameter (`name: String`) and displays it in a `Text` composable
- `modifier: Modifier = Modifier` → A modifier is an object that allows us to decorate or modify a composable. This parameter has a default value, i.e., an empty modifier (`Modifier`) which means no modifications applied
- `Text` → A built-in composable that displays text on the screen

# 5. Compose functions

```
class MainActivity : ComponentActivity() {
    override fun onCreate(savedInstanceState: Bundle?) {
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        setContent {
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                    )
                }
            }
        }
    }
}

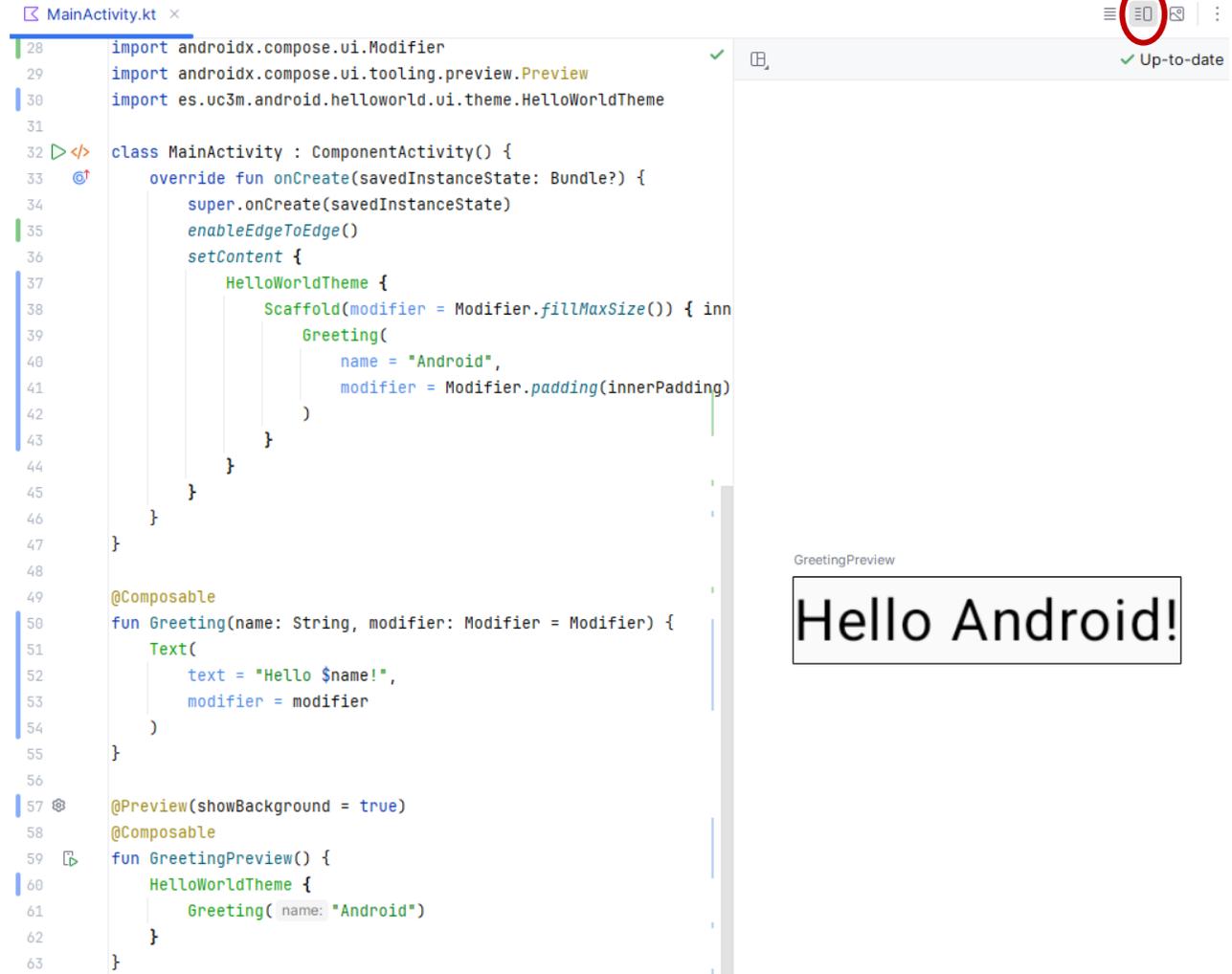
@Composable
fun Greeting(name: String, modifier: Modifier = Modifier) {
    Text(
        text = "Hello $name!",
        modifier = modifier
    )
}
```

- `enableEdgeToEdge()` → draw app content behind the status bar
- `setContent` → method provided by the parent class that takes a composable function as argument and renders it as the root of the UI
- `MyAppTheme` → custom composable that applies a Material Design theme to our app (explained latter)
- `Scaffold()` → Recommended container to apply themes correctly (the other possibility is `Surface`)
- `modifier = Modifier.fillMaxSize()` → ensures the Scaffold expands to fill the entire screen
- `innerPadding` → parameter in lambda expression used to ensure that the content doesn't overlap with system UI elements (e.g., status bar, navigation bar)
- `Greeting(...)` → Call to our composable function

# 5. Compose functions

```
@Preview(showBackground = true)
@Composable
fun GreetingPreview() {
    MyAppTheme {
        Greeting("Android")
    }
}
```

- **@Preview** → Annotation that tells Android Studio that this composable should be shown in the design view (it has no impact in runtime)



```
MainActivity.kt
28 import androidx.compose.ui.Modifier
29 import androidx.compose.ui.tooling.preview.Preview
30 import es.uc3m.android.helloworld.ui.theme.HelloWorldTheme
31
32 class MainActivity : AppCompatActivity() {
33     override fun onCreate(savedInstanceState: Bundle?) {
34         super.onCreate(savedInstanceState)
35         enableEdgeToEdge()
36         setContent {
37             HelloWorldTheme {
38                 Scaffold(modifier = Modifier.fillMaxSize()) { inn
39                     Greeting(
40                         name = "Android",
41                         modifier = Modifier.padding(innerPadding)
42                     )
43                 }
44             }
45         }
46     }
47 }
48
49 @Composable
50 fun Greeting(name: String, modifier: Modifier = Modifier) {
51     Text(
52         text = "Hello $name!",
53         modifier = modifier
54     )
55 }
56
57 @Preview(showBackground = true)
58 @Composable
59 fun GreetingPreview() {
60     HelloWorldTheme {
61         Greeting(name = "Android")
62     }
63 }
```

GreetingPreview

Hello Android!

# 5. Compose functions

- A Compose UI is built as a hierarchy of compose functions. Each composable can contain others composables, forming a tree-like structure
  - In the hello-world example the composable hierarchy is:

```
MyAppTheme
├── MaterialTheme
│   ├── Scaffold
│   │   ├── Greeting
│   │   │   └── Text
```

- When the **Greeting** function is called, Compose renders the **Text** composable with the provided name
- If the **state** (i.e., the data that can change over time and affects the UI –the variable **name** in this example–) changes, Compose automatically **recomposes** (redraws) the UI to reflect the new value



# 5. Compose functions

We study these composables in the following sections

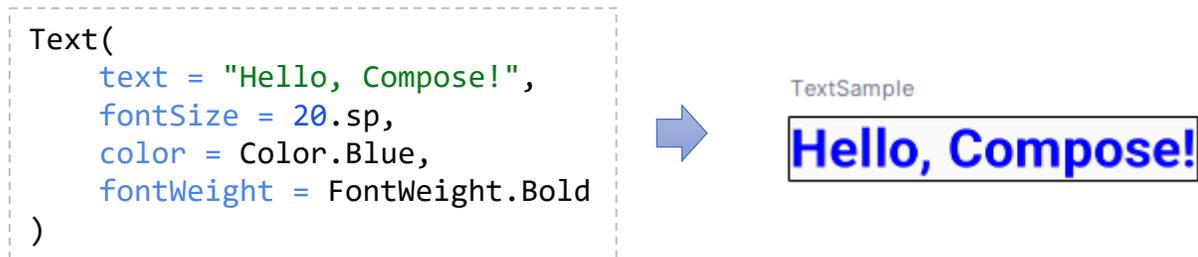
- Jetpack Compose provides a rich set of built-in composable functions:
  1. Basic components: used to create the UI, e.g., `Text`, `Button`, `Image`, `Icon`
  2. Modifiers: used to customize the appearance and behavior of composables, e.g., `padding`, `fillMaxSize`, `background`, `clickable`
  3. Layouts: used to define the structure of the UI, e.g., `Column`, `Row`, `Box`, `Spacer`, `Scaffold`, `Surface`
  4. Theming: used to handle the styles for an app: `MaterialTheme`
  5. State management: used to handle the UI state, e.g., `mutableStateOf`, `remember`, `rememberSaveable`
  6. List and grids: used to display a group of elements, e.g., `LazyColumn`, `LazyRow`, `LazyVerticalGrid`, `LazyHorizontalGrid`
  7. Navigation: used to change between different screens, e.g., `NavHost`
  8. Animations: used to provide transitions to our apps, e.g., `animate*AsState`, `AnimatedVisibility`

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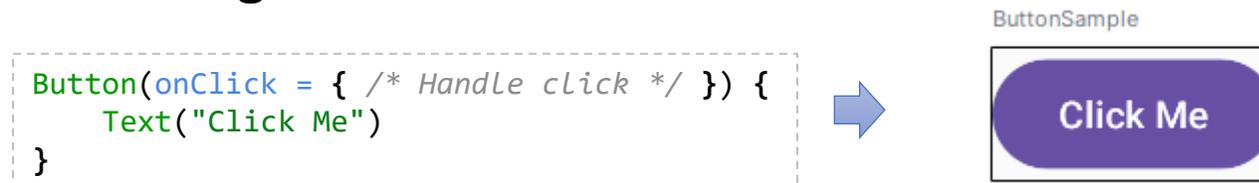
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## 6. Basic components

- The `Text` composable is used to display a text string
  - It can be customized with the attributes `fontSize`, `color`, `fontWeight`, etc.
    - Nevertheless, it is not recommended to change these attributes individually (instead, we will use global theme styles)



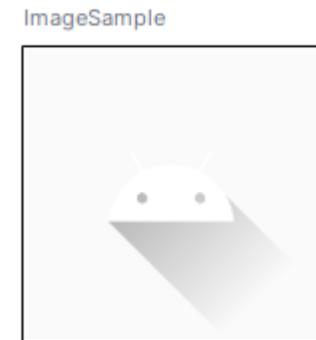
- The `Button` composable displays a clickable button with a text label
  - It handles clicks using the `onClick` lambda



## 6. Basic components

- The `Image` composable is used to display an image
  - It can load images from resources, URIs, or bitmaps

```
Image(  
    painter = painterResource(R.drawable.ic_launcher_foreground),  
    contentDescription = "App Icon"  
)
```



- The `Icon` composable displays an icon
  - Defaults to a standard size of 24dp, as defined by Material Design guidelines

```
Icon(  
    painter = painterResource(R.drawable.baseline_directions_bus_24),  
    contentDescription = "App Icon"  
)
```



We study how to get graphics from the resources in the next section

<https://developer.android.com/develop/ui/compose/graphics>

## 6. Basic components - Modifiers

- Modifiers are compose functions that allow us to decorate or augment (i.e., style, position, and add behavior) other composables
- Common modifiers are:
  - *padding*: Adds space around the composable (**top**, **bottom**, **start**, **end**)
  - *fillMaxSize*: Makes the composable fill the available space in its parent layout, both in terms of width and height
  - *fillMaxWidth*: Makes the composable fill the maximum width given to it from its parent
  - *fillMaxHeight*: Makes the composable fill the maximum height given to it from its parent
  - *clickable*: Makes the composable respond to clicks
  - *background*: Sets the background color

# 6. Basic components - Modifiers

- A basic example using some modifiers:

```
@Composable
fun Greeting(name: String, modifier: Modifier = Modifier) {
    Text(
        text = "Hello, $name!",
        modifier = modifier
            .fillMaxWidth()
            .background(Color.LightGray)
    )
    Button(
        onClick = {
            println("TODO handle click")
        },
        modifier = modifier.padding(32.dp)
    ) {
        Text(
            text = "Click Me",
            fontSize = 24.sp,
            color = Color.Green
        )
    }
}

@Preview(showBackground = true)
@Composable
fun Preview() {
    MyAppTheme {
        Greeting("Android")
    }
}
```

Preview

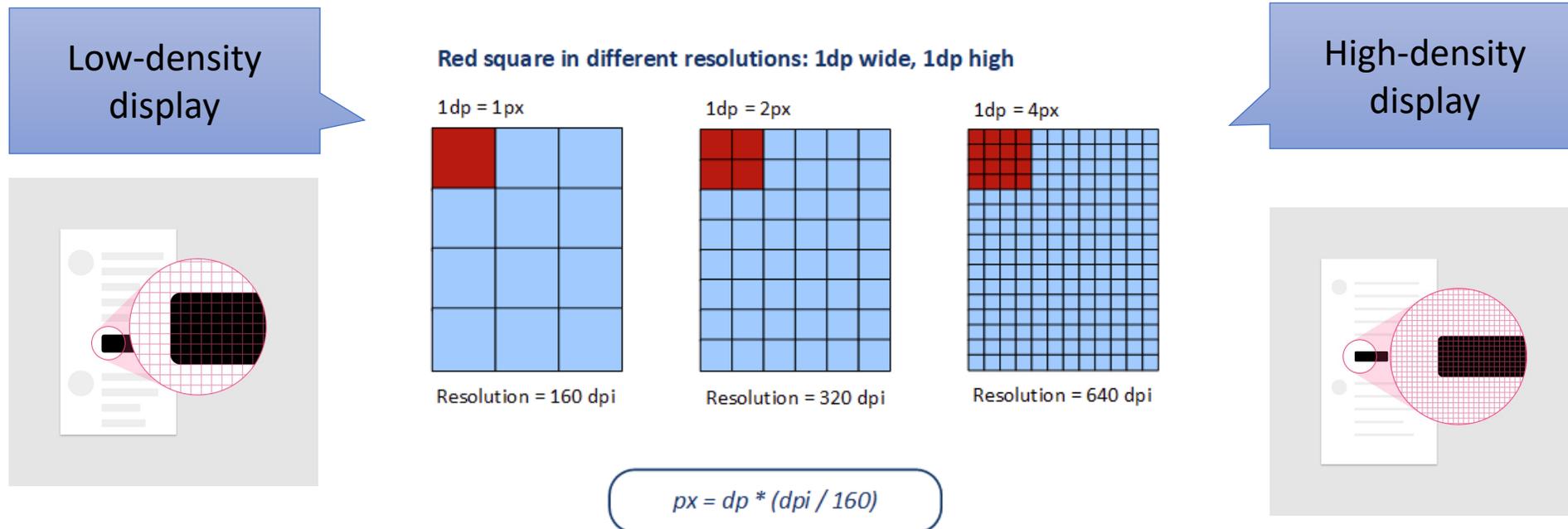


## 6. Basic components - Units of measurement

- Proper use of measurement units is essential to ensure that the UI looks consistent and scales correctly across devices with different screen sizes and densities. Common units of measurement are:
  - Density-independent pixels (*dp*)
    - Purpose: used for layout dimensions (e.g., padding, margins, width, height)
    - Behavior: scales based on the screen's density
    - Use case: responsive designs
  - Scale-independent pixels (*sp*)
    - Purpose: used for text sizes
    - Behavior: scales based on the screen's density and the user's font size preferences
    - Use case: similar to dps, but adjusts for the user's preferred text size
  - Pixels (*px*)
    - Purpose: rarely used directly. Represents actual screen pixels
    - Behavior: does not scale with screen density
    - Use case: only use px for very specific cases (e.g., custom drawing or precise control)

# 6. Basic components - Units of measurement

- A pixel (px) is the smallest unit of display on a screen
  - Each pixel represents a single point of color
- Density-independent pixels (dp or dpi) refers to the number of pixels that fit into an inch
  - For example, 1 dp is equal to 1 pixel on a medium-density screen (160 dpi) and it automatically scales on screens with higher densities

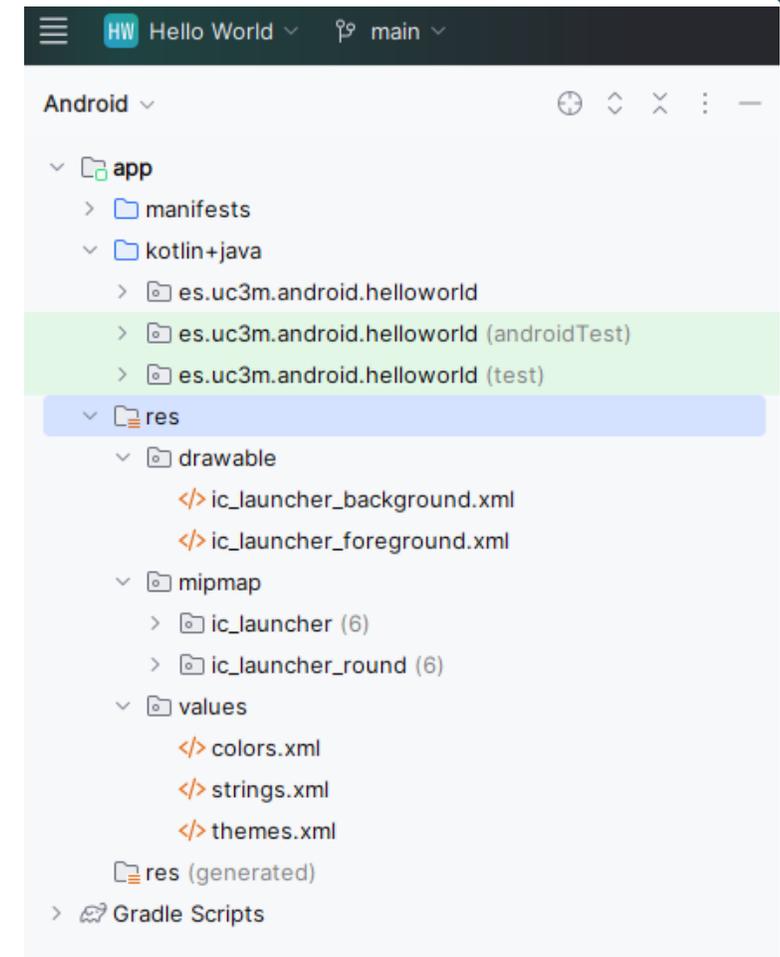


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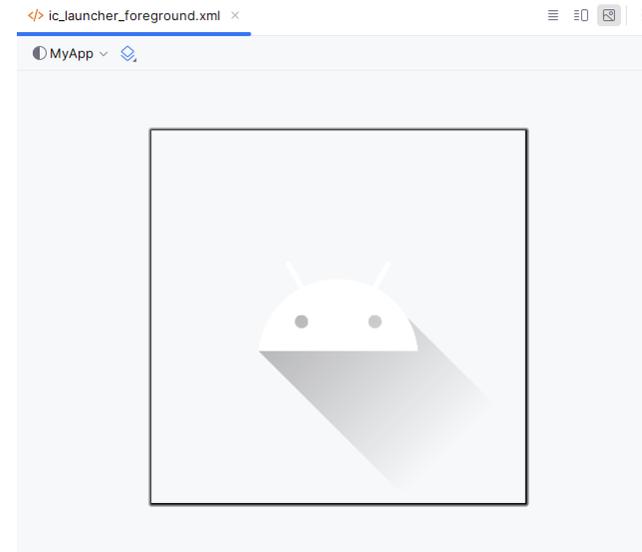
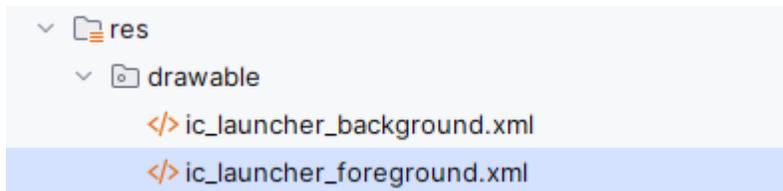
# 7. Resources

- Resources are the additional files and static content that your app uses, such as images, icons, or, strings
- Resources allow separating UI content from code, improving maintainability and localization
- These resources are located in a folder called `res` within the app module
- We can use these resources in the Kotlin code using the class **R** (a dynamically generated class created during build process to map all resources)



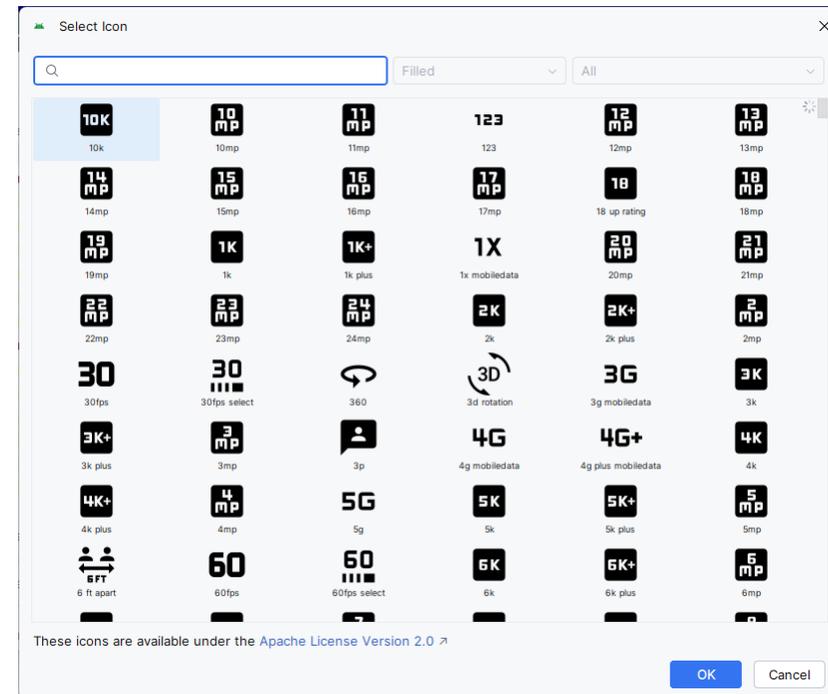
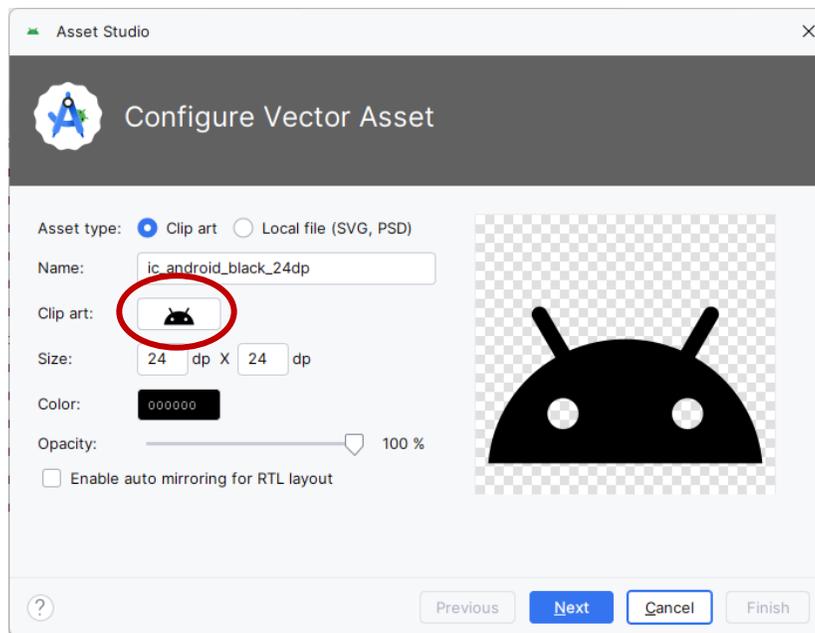
# 7. Resources - Drawable

- Drawable resources are pictures in the following formats:
  - Bitmap images in PNG, JPG, or other format
  - XML-based vector images
- Android Studio provides a couple of XML-based vector images used for the app icon



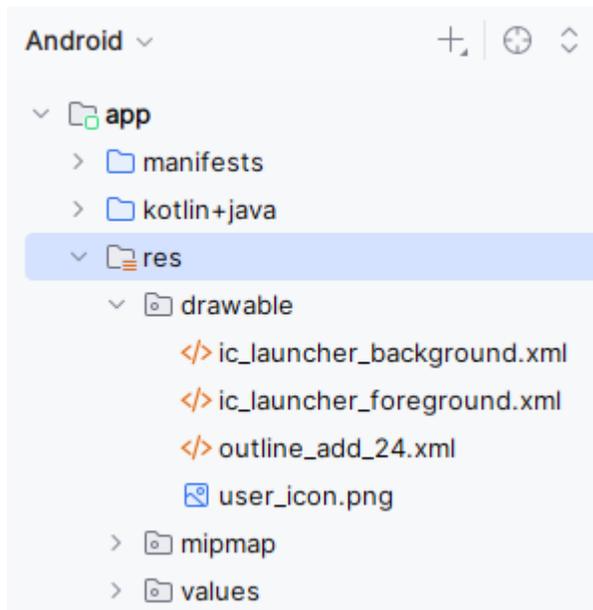
# 7. Resources - Drawable

- Android Studio provides a graphical tool to include XML-based vector images for our app:
  - File → New → Vector Asset



# 7. Resources - Drawable

- We can include custom pictures in the drawable folder and use them in our composables:



```
Box {  
    Image(  
        bitmap = ImageBitmap.imageResource(R.drawable.user_icon),  
        contentDescription = "Developer image"  
    )  
    Icon(  
        imageVector = ImageVector.vectorResource(R.drawable.outline_add_24),  
        contentDescription = "Edit user"  
    )  
}
```

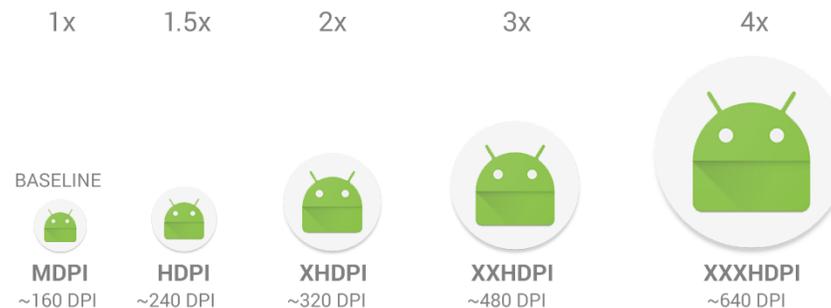
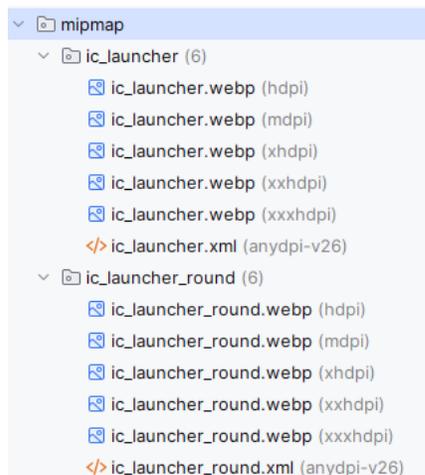
BoxPreview



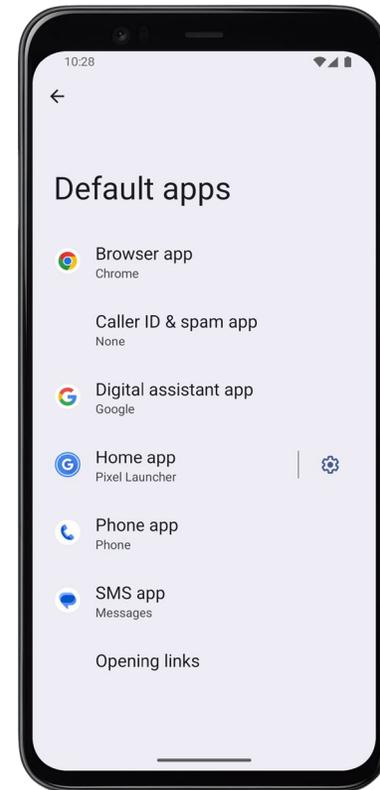
We study layouts (e.g., `Box`) in the next section

# 7. Resources - Mipmap

- The mipmap folder(s) provide contains the icons used by the **launcher**
  - The Android launcher is an app that provides the home screen and overall device navigation, allowing us to execute the rest of the apps
  - We can configure the Launcher app in Settings → Apps → Default apps
- Since Android runs on a variety of devices that have different screen sizes and pixel densities, it is a good practice to provide icons different pixel densities



<https://developer.android.com/training/multiscreen/screendensities>

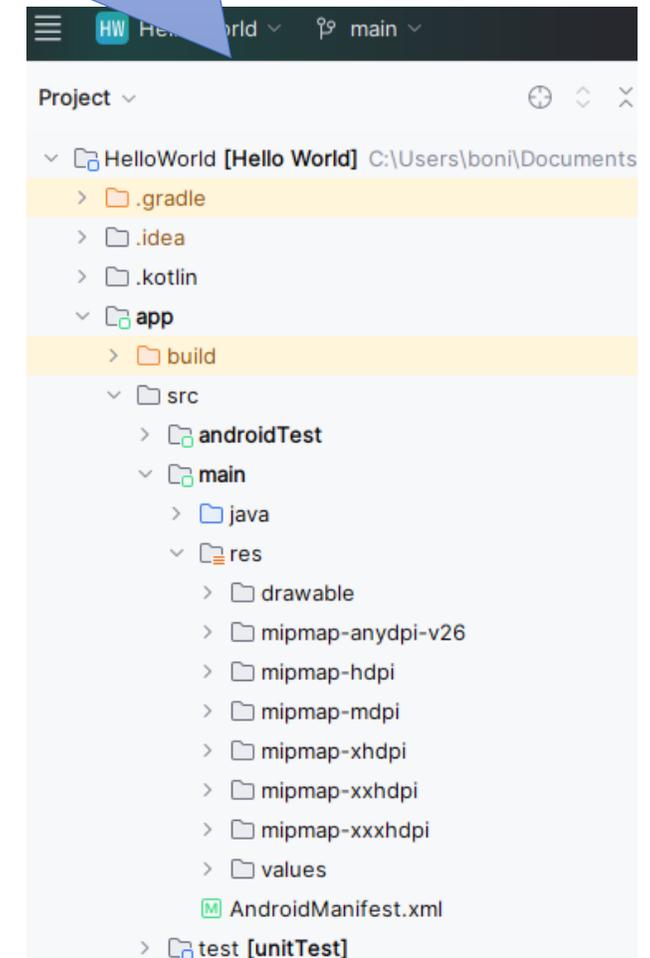


# 7. Resources - Mipmap

- The common screen densities are the following:

Density	Description
ldpi	Low-density ( <i>ldpi</i> ) screens (~120dpi)
mdpi	Medium-density ( <i>mdpi</i> ) screens (~160dpi)
hdpi	High-density ( <i>hdpi</i> ) screens (~240dpi)
xhdpi	Extra-high-density ( <i>xhdpi</i> ) screens (~320dpi)
xxhdpi	Extra-extra-high-density ( <i>xxhdpi</i> ) screens (~480dpi)
xxxhdpi	Extra-extra-extra-high-density ( <i>xxxhdpi</i> ) uses (~640dpi)
nodpi	These are density-independent resources
tvdpi	Smart TVs screens between mdpi and hdpi (~213dpi)

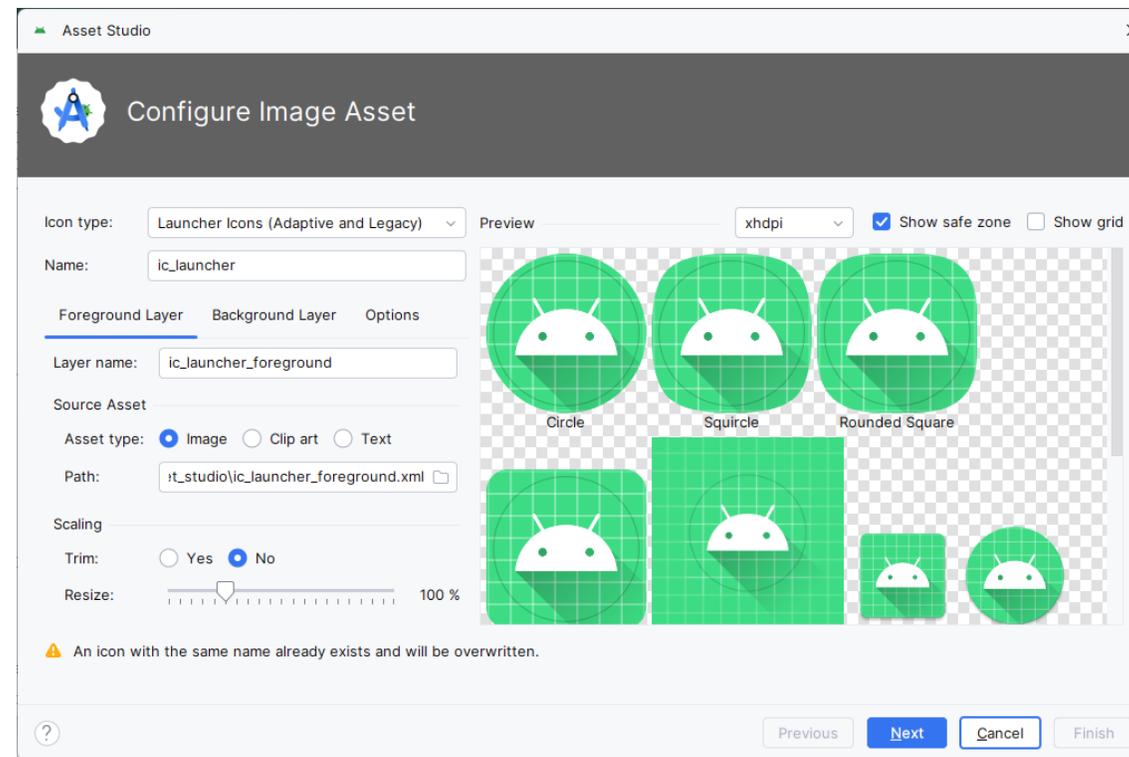
We can use these density labels as **resource qualifiers**, i.e., alternative resources based on screen densities.



<https://developer.android.com/guide/topics/resources/providing-resources>

# 7. Resources - Mipmap

- Android Studio provides a graphical tools to create icons for our app:
  - File → New → Image Asset



<https://developer.android.com/studio/write/create-app-icons>

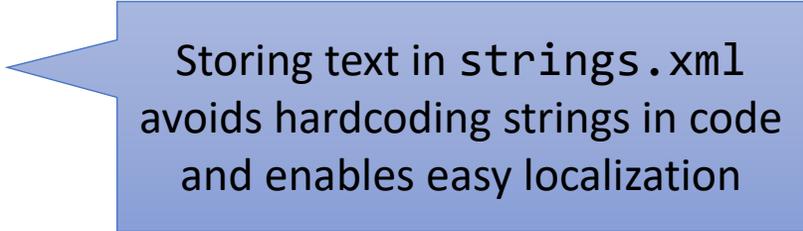
# 7. Resources - Qualifiers

- Resource qualifiers allow providing alternative resources for different device configurations
- Examples:
  - Screen density (hdpi, xhdpi, etc.)
  - Language and region (es, es-rES, etc.)
  - Screen size or orientation
- At runtime, Android selects the most appropriate resource automatically

<https://developer.android.com/studio/write/add-resources>

# 7. Resources - Values

- The values folder contains XML files with simple values, such as:
  - Strings
  - Colors
  - Styles
  - Other data in XML (e.g., dimensions)
- These resources are referenced by ID from the code
- For using alternative string resources for different languages, we use locale qualifiers ([ISO 639-1](#) codes), for instance:
  - string-es.xml : For Spanish language
  - string-es-rES.xml : For Spanish language and Spain region

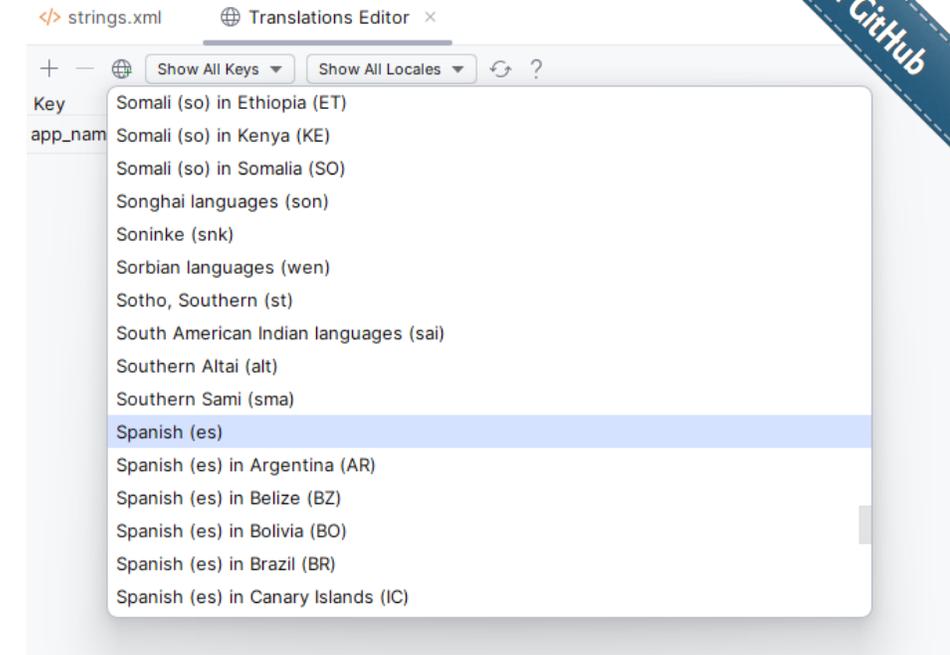


Storing text in `strings.xml` avoids hardcoding strings in code and enables easy localization

# 7. Resources - Values

A simple way to include multilanguage messages is by using Android Studio

```
strings.xml x
Edit translations for all locales in the translations editor. Open editor
1 <resources>
2 <string name="app_name">Hello World</string>
3 </resources>
```



strings.xml Translations Editor

Key	Resource Folder	Untranslatable	Default Value	Spanish (es)
app_name	app/src/main/res	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hello World Multi Language	Hola Mundo Multi Lenguaje
hello_msg	app/src/main/res	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hello %1\$s!	Hola %1\$s!

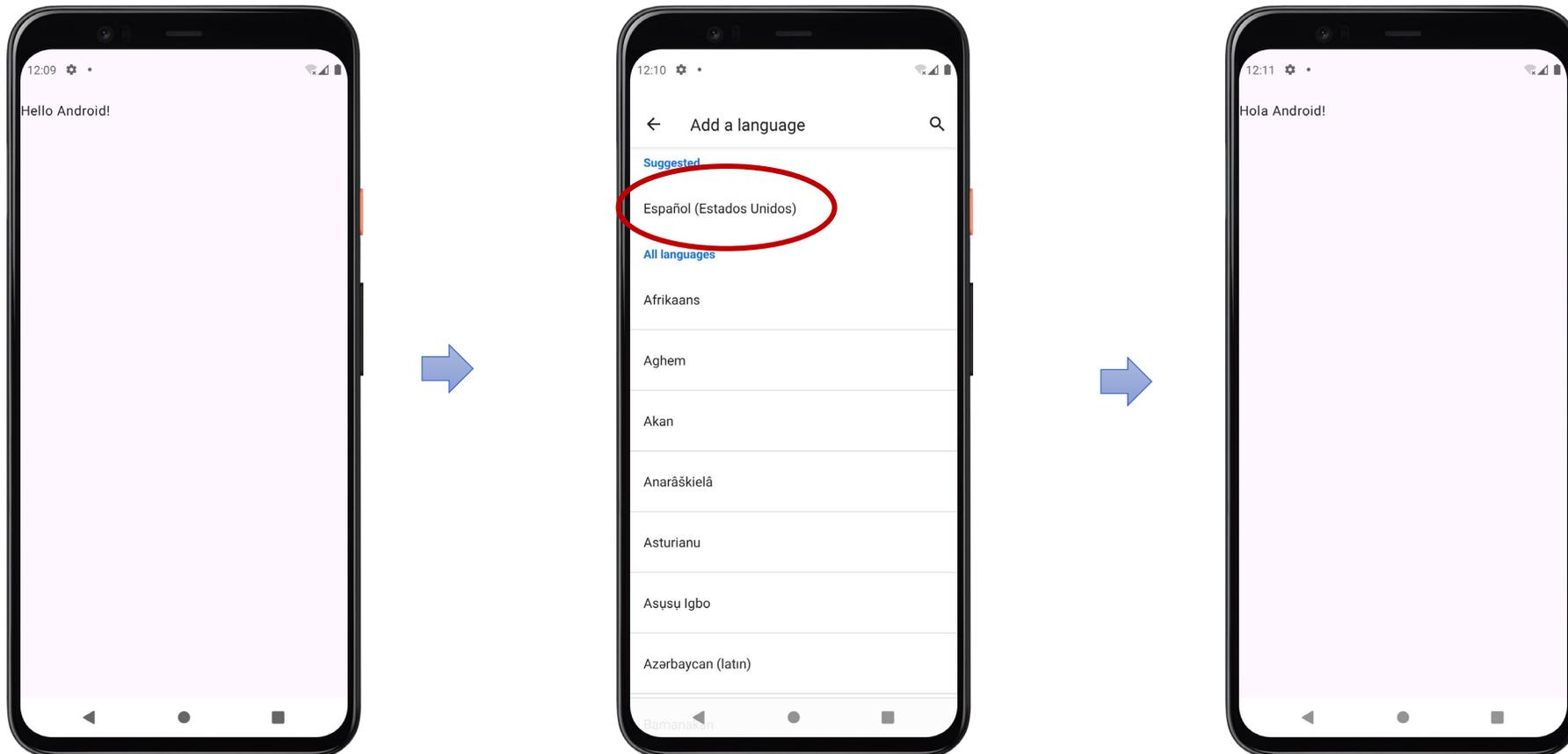


```
@Composable
fun Greeting(name: String, modifier: Modifier = Modifier) {
    Text(
        text = stringResource(R.string.hello_msg, name),
        modifier = modifier
    )
}
```

Finally, we read the string values from our composables

# 7. Resources - Values

- If we change the system language (Settings → System → Language & input → Language), our app will use the locale messages



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## 8. Layouts

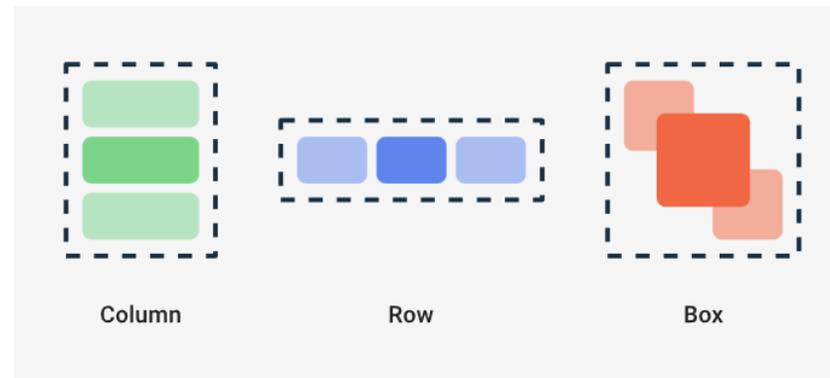
- If we don't provide some guidance to organize our UI elements, they are arranged in the screen in a way we don't like
  - To avoid this problem, we to organize the UI elements using a layout



- A **layout** refers to the arrangement and organization of visual elements within a screen and determines how components are positioned relative to each other

# 8. Layouts

- Compose provides a collection of built-in **layouts** to help us arrange our UI elements. The basic composable layouts are:
  - Column to place items vertically on the screen
  - Row to place items horizontally on the screen
  - Box to put elements on top of another
  - Spacer to add empty space between composables



# 8. Layouts

## Column layout

```
@Composable
fun DevCardColumn() {
    Column {
        Text("John Doe")
        Text("Developer")
    }
}
```



ColumnPreview

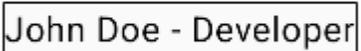


## Row layout

```
@Composable
fun DevCardRow() {
    Row {
        Text("John Doe")
        Text(" - ")
        Text("Developer")
    }
}
```



RowPreview



## Box layout

```
@Composable
fun DevCardBox() {
    Box {
        Image(
            bitmap = ImageBitmap.imageResource(R.drawable.user_icon),
            contentDescription = "Developer image"
        )
        Icon(
            imageVector = ImageVector.vectorResource(R.drawable.outline_add_24),
            contentDescription = "Edit user"
        )
    }
}
```



BoxPreview

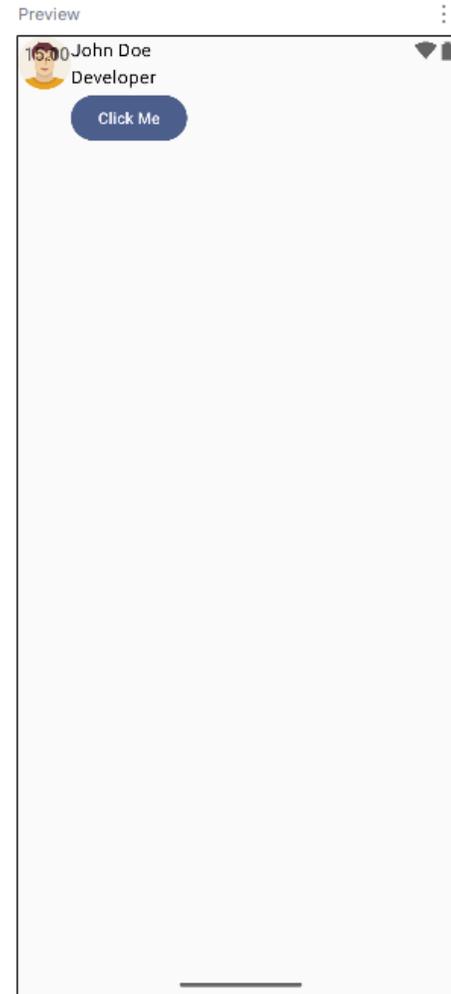


# 8. Layouts

```
data class Developer(var name: String, var role: String)

@Composable
fun DevLayout(developer: Developer) {
    Row {
        Image(
            bitmap = ImageBitmap.imageResource(R.drawable.user_icon),
            contentDescription = "Developer image"
        )
        Column {
            Text(developer.name)
            Text(developer.role)
            Button(
                onClick = {
                    Log.d("MainActivity", "Button clicked")
                },
                content = {
                    Text("Click Me")
                }
            )
        }
    }
}

@Preview(showBackground = true, showSystemUi = true)
@Composable
fun Preview() {
    MyAppTheme {
        DevLayout(Developer("John Doe", "Developer"))
    }
}
```



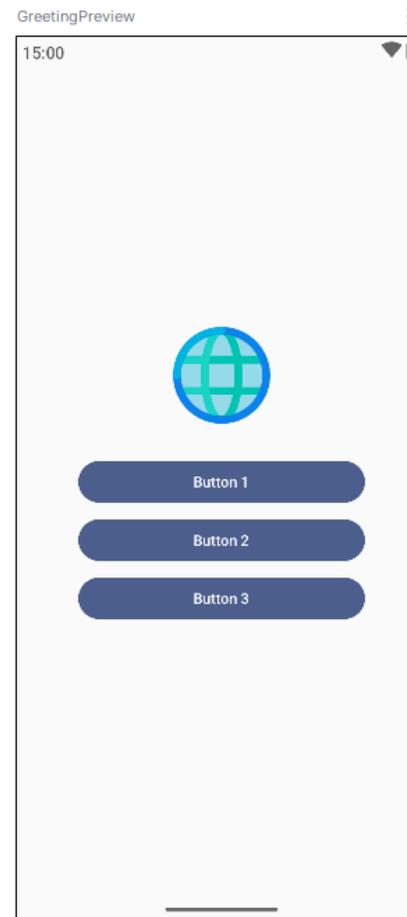
# 8. Layouts

- The following example shows a more elaborated layout using basic elements:

```
@Composable
fun MyLayout(modifier: Modifier = Modifier) {
    Row {
        // Left spacer (15% width)
        Spacer(
            modifier = modifier
                .weight(0.15f)
                .fillMaxHeight()
        )

        // Middle content (70% width)
        Box(
            modifier = modifier
                .weight(0.7f)
                .fillMaxHeight(),
            contentAlignment = Alignment.Center
        ) {
            Column(
                horizontalAlignment = Alignment.CenterHorizontally
            ) {
                // Logo and buttons
            }
        }

        // Right spacer (15% width)
        Spacer(
            modifier = modifier
                .weight(0.15f)
                .fillMaxHeight()
        )
    }
}
```



## 8. Layouts - Constraint layout

- ConstraintLayout is a layout that allows you to place composables relative to other composables on the screen
  - It is an alternative to using multiple nested Row, Column, and Box
  - It is usually used when implementing responsive layouts with complicated alignment requirements
- To use ConstraintLayout, we need the following dependency:

build.gradle.kts

```
dependencies {  
    implementation(Libs.androidx.constraintlayout.compose)  
}
```

libs.version.toml

```
[versions]  
constraintlayoutCompose = "1.1.1"  
  
[libraries]  
androidx-constraintlayout-compose = { module = "androidx.constraintlayout:constraintlayout-compose", version.ref = "constraintlayoutCompose" }
```

<https://developer.android.com/develop/ui/compose/layouts/constraintlayout>

## 8. Layouts - Constraint layout

- We define constraints (e.g., **start**, **end**, **top**, **bottom**) between composables to position them relative to each other or to the parent
  - It also allows us to create barriers (dynamic boundaries) and guidelines (fixed or percentage-based lines) for advanced layouts
- Let's see the following example:



# 8. Layouts - Constraint layout

```
@Composable
fun MyConstraintLayout(modifier: Modifier = Modifier) {
    ConstraintLayout(
        modifier = modifier
    ) {
        // Create references for the components
        val (text, button) = createRefs()

        // Text component
        Text(
            text = stringResource(R.string.hello_msg),
            modifier = Modifier
                .constrainAs(text) {
                    top.linkTo(parent.top, margin = 16.dp)
                    start.linkTo(parent.start, margin = 16.dp)
                }
        )

        // Button component
        Button(
            onClick = {
                // TODO: Handle click
            },
            modifier = Modifier
                .constrainAs(button) {
                    top.linkTo(text.bottom, margin = 16.dp)
                    start.linkTo(parent.start, margin = 16.dp)
                }
        ) {
            Text(stringResource(R.string.button_msg))
        }
    }
}
```



# 8. Layouts - Constraint layout

- The following example contains a more elaborated layout using constraints:

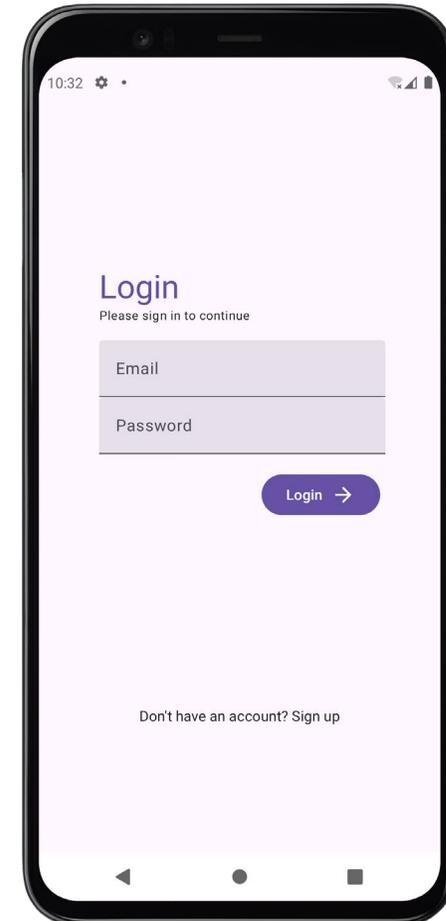
This example also contains the equivalent layout but using the nested Row, Column, and Box

MyConstraintLayoutPreview

Preview of a login form using ConstraintLayout. The form is titled "Login" and includes the text "Please sign in to continue". It features two input fields: "Email" and "Password". A blue "Login" button with a right-pointing arrow is positioned below the password field. At the bottom of the form, there is a link: "Don't have an account? Sign up".

MyLayoutPreview

Preview of a login form using nested Row, Column, and Box. The form is titled "Login" and includes the text "Please sign in to continue". It features two input fields: "Email" and "Password". A blue "Login" button with a right-pointing arrow is positioned below the password field. At the bottom of the form, there is a link: "Don't have an account? Sign up".



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# 9. Theme

- A **theme** defines the overall visual style of an app (colors, typography, shapes, and other visual attributes)
  - *Theming* is the process of applying a consistent visual style across the app
- The main purposes of theming are:
  - Consistency: ensures a uniform look and behavior across screens and components
  - Branding: reflects the app's identity through colors, fonts, and shapes
  - Adaptability: supports light/dark mode and different device configurations
  - Maintainability: centralizes style definitions, making global updates easier

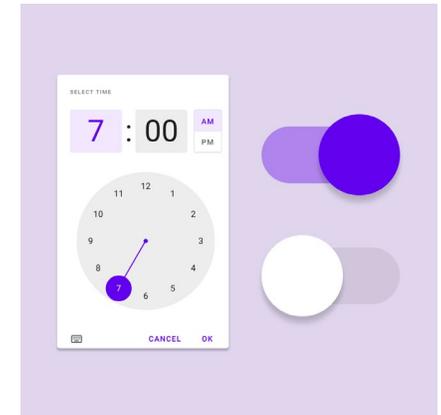
<https://developer.android.com/design/ui/mobile/guides/styles/themes>

# 9. Theme

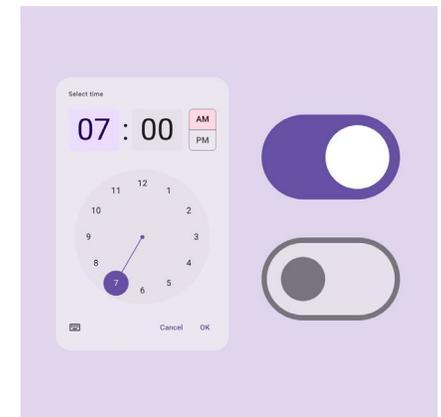
- **Material Design** is Google's design system for creating consistent, intuitive, and accessible UIs
  - It defines guidelines, principles, and UI components to ensure a unified look and feel across apps and devices
  - It was introduced in 2014 and has become a standard for designing Android applications, web applications, and other digital products
- Material Design 3 is applied by default when creating Android projects in Android Studio



<https://material.io/>



Material Design 2



Material Design 3  
(a.k.a. Material You or M3)

# 9. Theme

- In Android, theming can be applied in two main ways:

1. Android view system:

- XML-based
- Theming is done using XML files in the res/values directory

<https://developer.android.com/develop/ui/views/theming/themes>

2. Jetpack Compose:

- Programmatic
- Theming is done using Kotlin

Even if we use Jetpack Compose for the UI, we also need to consider the traditional XML-based system

<https://developer.android.com/develop/ui/compose/designsystems>

# 9. Theme - Android view system

- In the traditional Android view system, theming is done using XML files in the `res/values` directory

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<resources>
  <style name="Theme.MyApp" parent="android:Theme.Material.Light.NoActionBar" />
</resources>
```

Themes are declared in the file `res/values/themes.xml`

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<resources>
  <color name="purple_200">#FFBB86FC</color>
  <color name="purple_500">#FF6200EE</color>
  <color name="purple_700">#FF3700B3</color>
  <color name="teal_200">#FF03DAC5</color>
  <color name="teal_700">#FF018786</color>
  <color name="black">#FF000000</color>
  <color name="white">#FFFFFFFF</color>
</resources>
```

Colors (in RGBA) are declared in the file `res/values/colors.xml`

# 9. Theme - Android view system

- The XML theme is declared in the manifest:

AndroidManifest.xml

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<manifest xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android">

  <application
    android:icon="@mipmap/ic_launcher"
    android:label="@string/app_name"
    android:roundIcon="@mipmap/ic_launcher_round"
    android:theme="@style/Theme.MyApp">
    <activity
      android:name=".MainActivity"
      android:exported="true">
      <intent-filter>
        <action android:name="android.intent.action.MAIN" />
        <category android:name="android.intent.category.LAUNCHER" />
      </intent-filter>
    </activity>
  </application>

</manifest>
```

res/values/themes.xml

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<resources>
  <style name="Theme.MyApp" parent="android:Theme.Material.Light.NoActionBar" />
</resources>
```

# 9. Theme - Android view system

- We can change the XML parent theme:

- Theme.Material.Light
- Theme.Material.Light.NoActionBar
- Theme.Material.Light.NoActionBar.Fullscreen
- Theme.Material.Dialog
- Theme.Material.Settings
- Theme.Material.InputMethod
- Theme.Material.NoActionBar
- Theme.Material.Panel
- Theme.Material.Voice
- Theme.Material.Wallpaper

This one is used by default in the projects created with Android Studio

For example, we can change the following in any app demo (e.g., in the hello-world)

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<resources>
  <style name="Theme.MyApp" parent="android:Theme.Material.Light" />
</resources>
```



# 9. Theme - Android view system

- Also, we can customize the XML theme by overriding the default values for colors, typography, and shapes

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<resources>
  <style name="Theme.MyApp" parent="android:Theme.Material.Light.NoActionBar">
    <!-- Customize theme here -->
    <item name="android:colorPrimary">@color/purple_200</item>
  </style>
</resources>
```



# 9. Theme - Jetpack Compose

- Jetpack Compose provides an implementation of Material Design 3 using a composable called **MaterialTheme**
  - This composable provides a consistent way to define and apply colors, typography, and shapes throughout our app
  - For that, it includes pre-defined components for:
    - Colors: Primary, secondary, background, surface, etc.
    - Typography: Headlines, body text, captions, etc.
    - Shapes: Small, medium, and large components

All composables inside **MaterialTheme** inherit these values

Light Theme

Primary	On Primary	Primary Container	On Primary Container
Secondary	On Secondary	Secondary Container	On Secondary Container
Tertiary	On Tertiary	Tertiary Container	On Tertiary Container
Error	On Error	Error Container	On Error Container
Background	On Background	Surface	On Surface
Outline		Surface-Variant	On Surface-Variant

<https://developer.android.com/develop/ui/compose/designsystems/material3>

# 9. Theme - Jetpack Compose

- A common practice for theming with Jetpack Compose is to customize **MaterialTheme** by overriding its default values using Kotlin:
  - **Color.kt**: to define the color palette
    - Defined through global constants to ensure consistency and reusability
    - Examples: *primary*, *secondary*, *background*, *surface*, etc.
  - **Type.kt**: to define the typography
    - It includes text styles for different UI elements (e.g., headlines, body text, captions)
    - Examples: *bodyLarge*, *titleMedium*, *headlineSmall*, etc.
  - **Shape.kt**: To define the default shapes
    - It specifies the rounded corners to be applied to Material components
    - Examples: *extraSmall*, *small*, *large*, *extraLarge*, etc.
  - **Theme.kt**: To define the theme
    - Combines the color palette, typography, and shapes into a single theme that can be applied to the entire app
    - Typically supports light and dark color schemas by defining separate color schemes

<https://developer.android.com/codelabs/jetpack-compose-theming>

# 9. Theme - Jetpack Compose

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```
<namespace>/ui/theme/Color.kt
```

```
val Purple80 = Color(0xFFD0BCFF)
val PurpleGrey80 = Color(0xFFCCC2DC)
val Pink80 = Color(0xFFE8B8C8)

val Purple40 = Color(0xFF6650a4)
val PurpleGrey40 = Color(0xFF625b71)
val Pink40 = Color(0xFF7D5260)
```

```
<namespace>/ui/theme/Type.kt
```

```
val Typography = Typography(
    bodyLarge = TextStyle(
        fontFamily = FontFamily.Default,
        fontWeight = FontWeight.Normal,
        fontSize = 16.sp,
        lineHeight = 24.sp,
        letterSpacing = 0.5.sp
    )
)
```

Material Design 3 introduces dynamic color, which allows the app's theme to adapt to the user's wallpaper or system settings

```
<namespace>/ui/theme/Theme.kt
```

```
private val DarkColorScheme = darkColorScheme(
    primary = Purple80,
    secondary = PurpleGrey80,
    tertiary = Pink80
)

private val LightColorScheme = lightColorScheme(
    primary = Purple40,
    secondary = PurpleGrey40,
    tertiary = Pink40
)

@Composable
fun MyAppTheme(
    darkTheme: Boolean = isSystemInDarkTheme(),
    dynamicColor: Boolean = true,
    content: @Composable () -> Unit
) {
    val colorScheme = when {
        dynamicColor && Build.VERSION.SDK_INT >= Build.VERSION_CODES.S -> {
            val context = LocalContext.current
            if (darkTheme) dynamicDarkColorScheme(context) else dynamicLightColorScheme(context)
        }

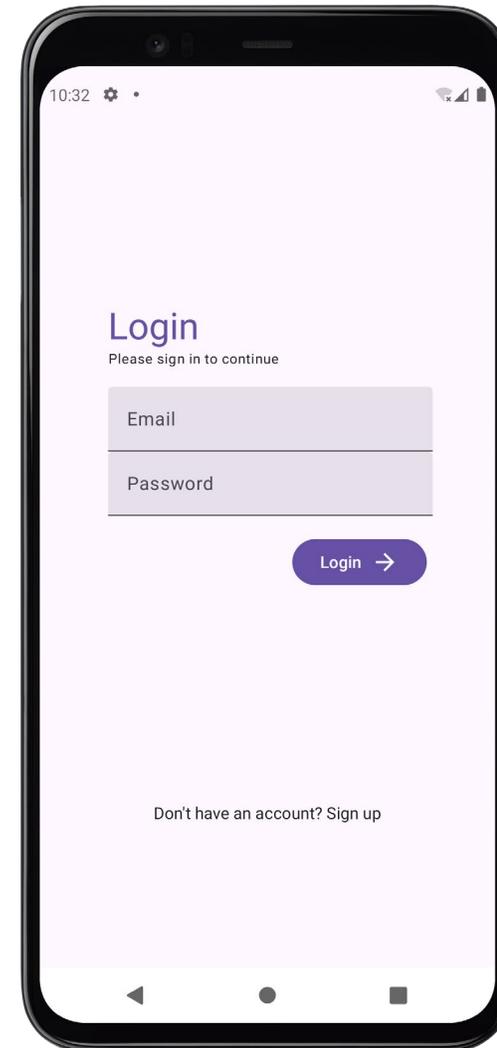
        darkTheme -> DarkColorScheme
        else -> LightColorScheme
    }

    MaterialTheme(
        colorScheme = colorScheme,
        typography = Typography,
        content = content
    )
}
```

# 9. Theme - Jetpack Compose

We can apply different `MaterialTheme` styles for example as follows:

```
Text(  
    text = stringResource(R.string.Login_Label),  
    style = MaterialTheme.typography.headlineLarge,  
    color = MaterialTheme.colorScheme.primary  
)  
Text(  
    text = stringResource(R.string.sign_in_to_continue),  
    style = MaterialTheme.typography.bodySmall  
)
```



# 9. Theme - Jetpack Compose

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<namespace>/ui/theme/Color.kt

```
val md_theme_light_primary = Color(0xFF825500)
val md_theme_light_onPrimary = Color(0xFFFFFFFF)

// ...
```

<namespace>/ui/theme/Type.kt

```
val typography = Typography(
    headlineSmall = TextStyle(
        fontWeight = FontWeight.SemiBold,
        fontSize = 24.sp,
        lineHeight = 32.sp,
        letterSpacing = 0.sp
    ),
    // ...
)
```

<namespace>/ui/theme/Shapes.kt

```
val shapes = Shapes(
    extraSmall = RoundedCornerShape(4.dp),
    small = RoundedCornerShape(8.dp),
    medium = RoundedCornerShape(16.dp),
    large = RoundedCornerShape(24.dp),
    extraLarge = RoundedCornerShape(32.dp)
)
```

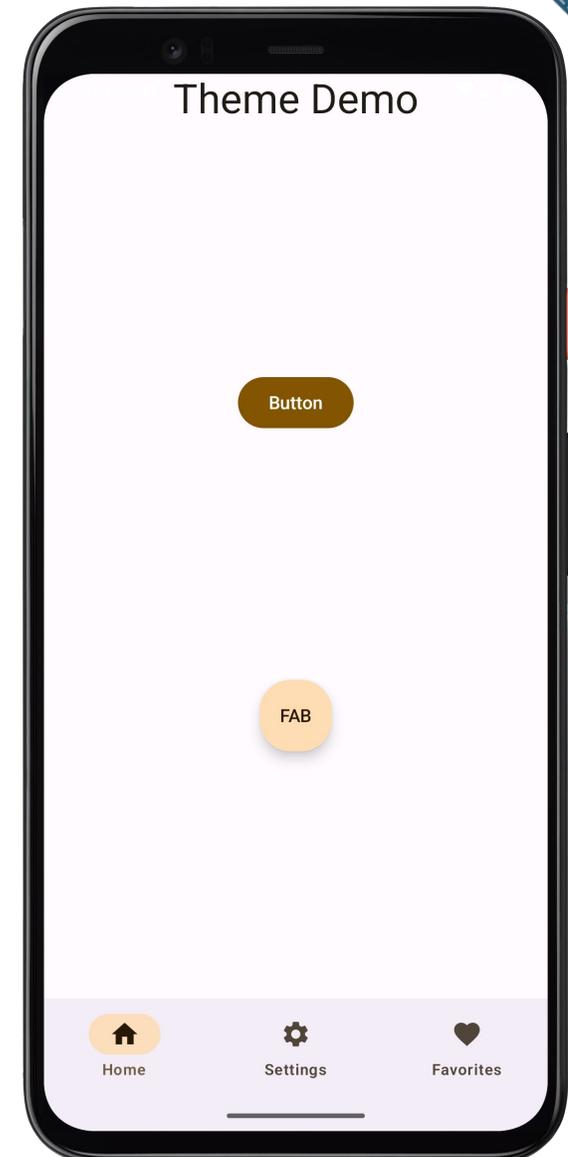
<namespace>/ui/theme/Theme.kt

```
private val LightColors = lightColorScheme(
    primary = md_theme_light_primary,
    onPrimary = md_theme_light_onPrimary,
    // ...
)

private val DarkColors = darkColorScheme(
    primary = md_theme_dark_primary,
    onPrimary = md_theme_dark_onPrimary,
    // ...
)

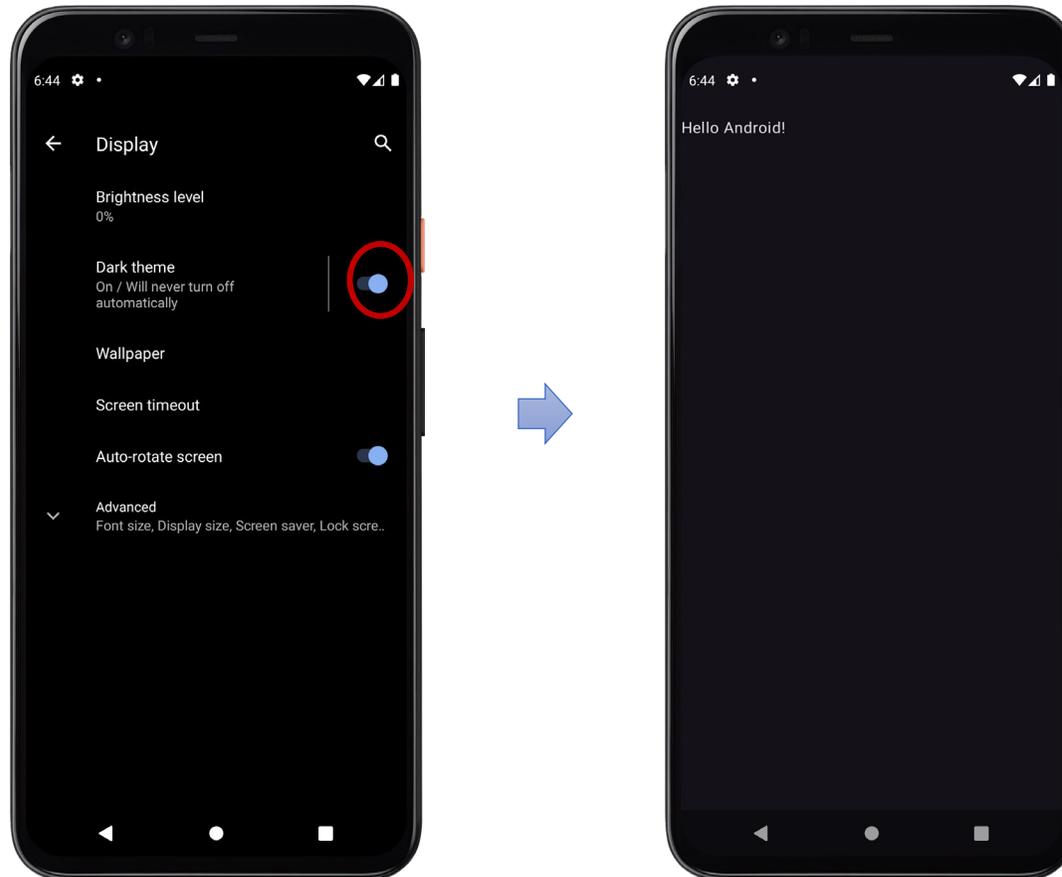
@Composable
fun MyAppTheme(
    useDarkTheme: Boolean = isSystemInDarkTheme(),
    content: @Composable() () -> Unit
) {
    val colors = if (!useDarkTheme) {
        LightColors
    } else {
        DarkColors
    }

    MaterialTheme(
        colorScheme = colors,
        typography = typography,
        shapes = shapes,
        content = content
    )
}
```



## 9. Theme - Dark mode

- We can enable the dark mode In the Android configuration (Settings → Display)



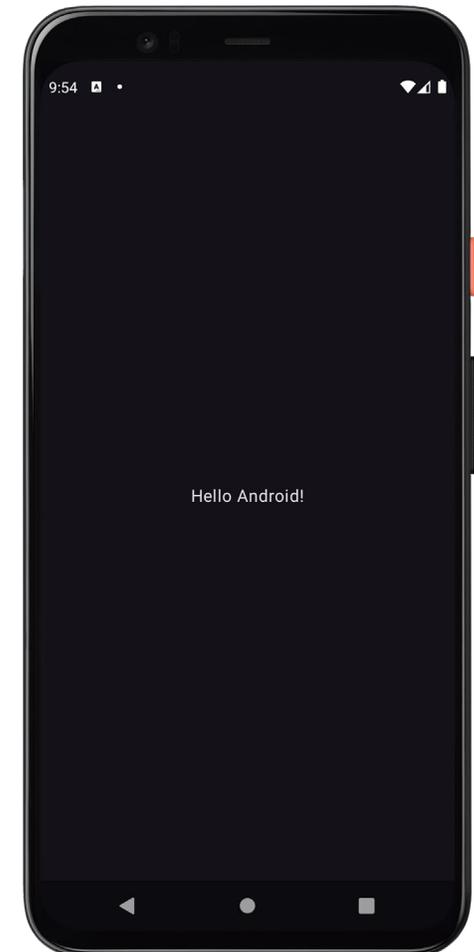
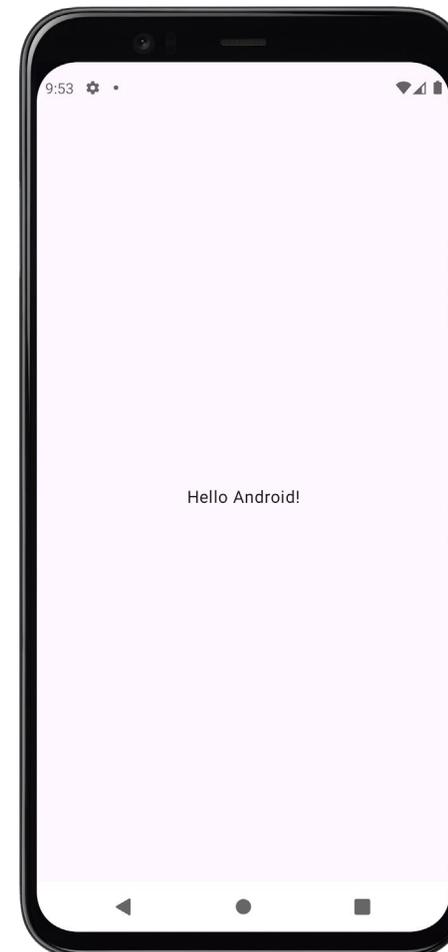
In Jetpack Compose, `MaterialTheme` flows down the composition tree, but Material containers like `Scaffold` or `Surface` are needed to apply it correctly; without them, UI components may render with incorrect or default styling.

# 9. Theme - Dark mode

- The following example is a modified version of the hello-world app using Surface instead of Scaffold:

```
class MainActivity : ComponentActivity() {
    override fun onCreate(savedInstanceState: Bundle?) {
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState)
        enableEdgeToEdge()
        setContent {
            MyAppTheme {
                Surface(
                    modifier = Modifier.fillMaxSize(),
                    color = MaterialTheme.colorScheme.background
                ) {
                    Greeting(name = "Android")
                }
            }
        }
    }
}

@Composable
fun Greeting(name: String) {
    Column(
        horizontalAlignment = Alignment.CenterHorizontally,
        verticalArrangement = Arrangement.Center
    ) {
        Text(text = "Hello $name!")
    }
}
```



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# 10. Material components

- Jetpack Compose offers an implementation of the Material components a collection of composable functions
- The following slides reviews the most relevant material components
- If you need to use some of the following, it is recommended to check the official documentation for code examples:

<https://developer.android.com/develop/ui/compose/components>

- Also, the following site provides a good reference of Material composables:

<https://composables.com/material/>

# 10. Material components

## – App bar:

- Containers that provide the user access to key features and navigation items



<https://developer.android.com/develop/ui/compose/components/app-bars>  
<https://composables.com/app-bars>

## – Badge:

- Small visual element to denote status or a numeric value on another composable

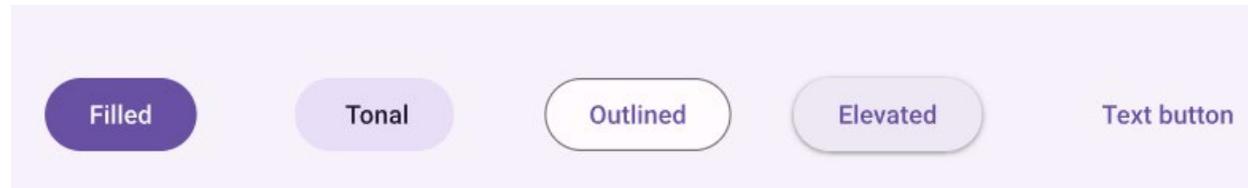


<https://developer.android.com/develop/ui/compose/components/badges>  
<https://composables.com/badges>

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## – Button:

- Fundamental components that allow the user to trigger a defined action



<https://developer.android.com/develop/ui/compose/components/button>

<https://composables.com/buttons>

## – Segmented button:

- Let users choose from a set of options



<https://developer.android.com/develop/ui/compose/components/segmented-button>

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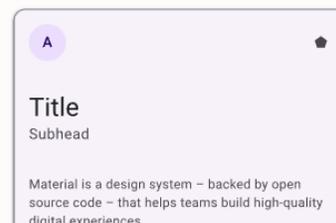
- Bottom sheet:
  - Supplementary content that are anchored to the bottom of the screen



<https://developer.android.com/develop/ui/compose/components/bottom-sheets>

<https://composables.com/sheets>

- Card:
  - Container for our UI. Cards typically present a single coherent piece of content



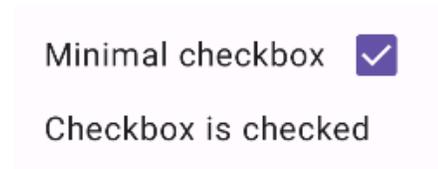
<https://developer.android.com/develop/ui/compose/components/card>

<https://composables.com/cards>

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## – Checkbox:

- Elements that let users select one or more items from a list



## Parent checkbox example

Select all

Option 1

Option 2

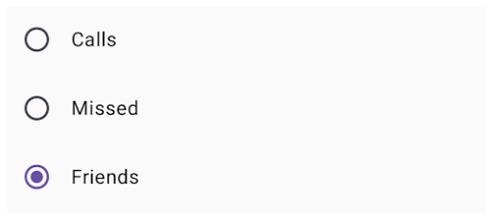
Option 3

<https://developer.android.com/develop/ui/compose/components/checkbox>

<https://composables.com/checkboxes>

## – Radio button:

- To select only one option from a list



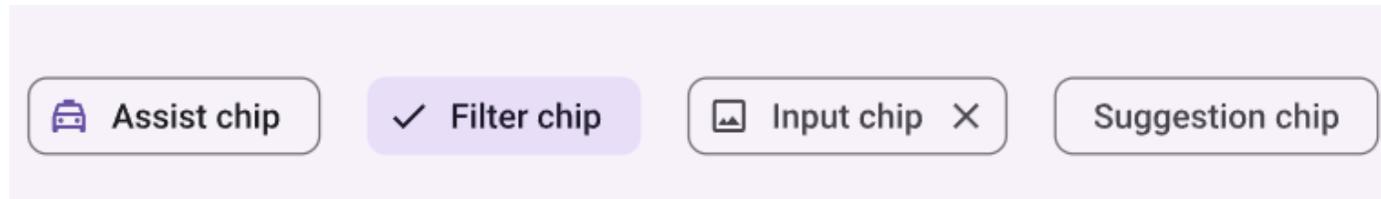
<https://developer.android.com/develop/ui/compose/components/radio-button>

<https://composables.com/radio-buttons>

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## – Chip:

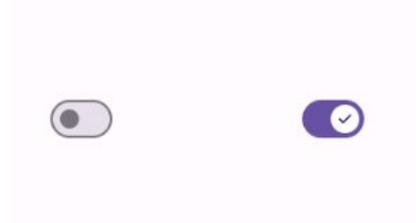
- Represents complex entities like a contact or tag, often with an icon and label



<https://developer.android.com/develop/ui/compose/components/chip>  
<https://composables.com/chips>

## – Switch:

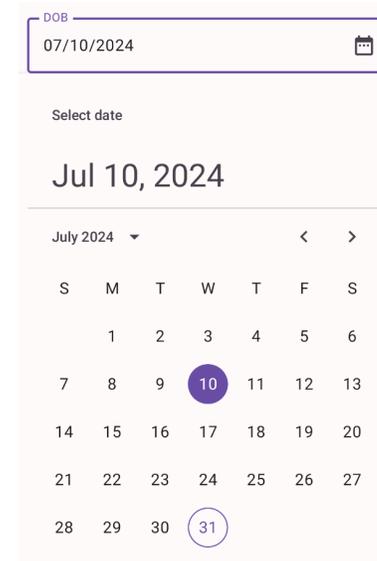
- To toggle between two states (checked and unchecked)



<https://developer.android.com/develop/ui/compose/components/switch>  
<https://composables.com/switches>

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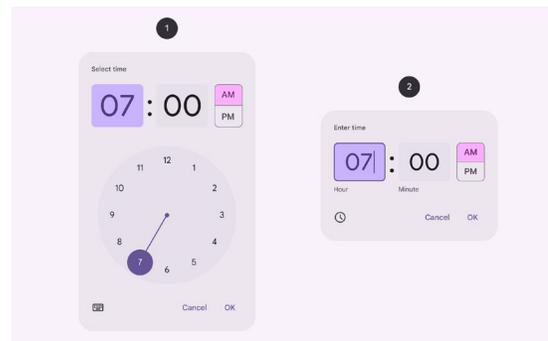
- Date picker:
  - To select a date, a date range, or both



<https://developer.android.com/develop/ui/compose/components/datepickers>

<https://composables.com/date>

- Time picker:
  - To select a time



<https://developer.android.com/develop/ui/compose/components/time-pickers>

<https://composables.com/time>

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## – Divider:

- Thin lines that separate items in lists or other containers



First item in list

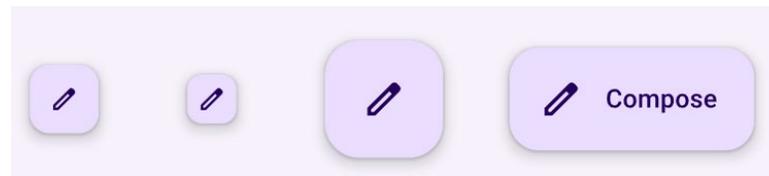
Second item in list

<https://developer.android.com/develop/ui/compose/components/divider>

<https://composables.com/dividers>

## – Floating action button (FAB):

- High-emphasis button that lets the user perform a primary action in an application

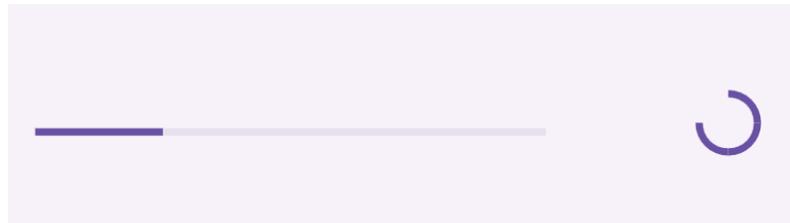


<https://developer.android.com/develop/ui/compose/components/fab>

<https://composables.com/floating-action-buttons>

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- Progress indicator:
  - Visually represent the status of an operation



<https://developer.android.com/develop/ui/compose/components/progress>  
<https://composables.com/progress-indicators>

- Slider:
  - To make selections from a range of values

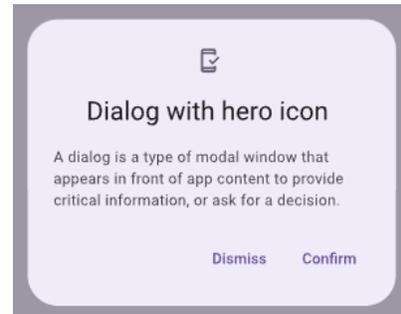


<https://developer.android.com/develop/ui/compose/components/slider>  
<https://composables.com/sliders>

# 10. Material components

## – Dialog:

- Component that displays pop up messages or requests user input

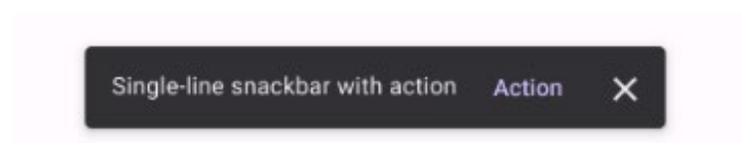


<https://developer.android.com/develop/ui/compose/components/dialog>

<https://composables.com/dialogs>

## – Snackbar:

- Transient notification that appears at the bottom of the screen

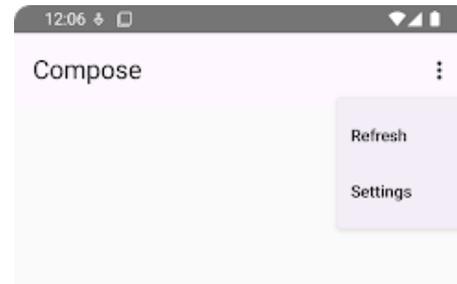


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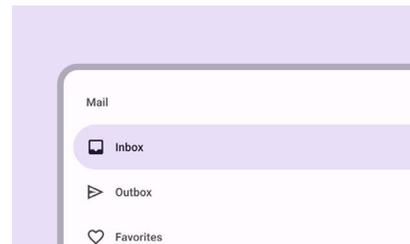
- Drop-down menus
  - Let users select from a list of options on a temporary surface



<https://developer.android.com/develop/ui/compose/components/menu>

<https://composables.com/dropdown-menus>

- Navigation drawer:
  - Slide-in menu that lets users navigate to various sections of your app



<https://developer.android.com/develop/ui/compose/components/drawer>

<https://composables.com/drawers>

# 10. Material components - Scaffold

- Scaffold is a pre-built composable In Jetpack Compose that provides a high-level structure for implementing Material Design layouts
  - It simplifies the process of creating common UI patterns by offering slots for components like top bars, bottom bars, floating action buttons, snackbars, and content
- Scaffold provides slots for the following components:
  - Top bar: For app bars (e.g., `AppBar`)
  - Bottom bar: For bottom navigation bars (e.g., `BottomAppBar`)
  - Floating action buttons: A prominent button for primary actions
  - Snackbar: For displaying short messages at the bottom of the screen
  - Content: The main content of the screen (e.g., a `Column`, `LazyColumn`, or other composables)
  - Drawer: For navigation drawers (e.g., `DrawerLayout`)

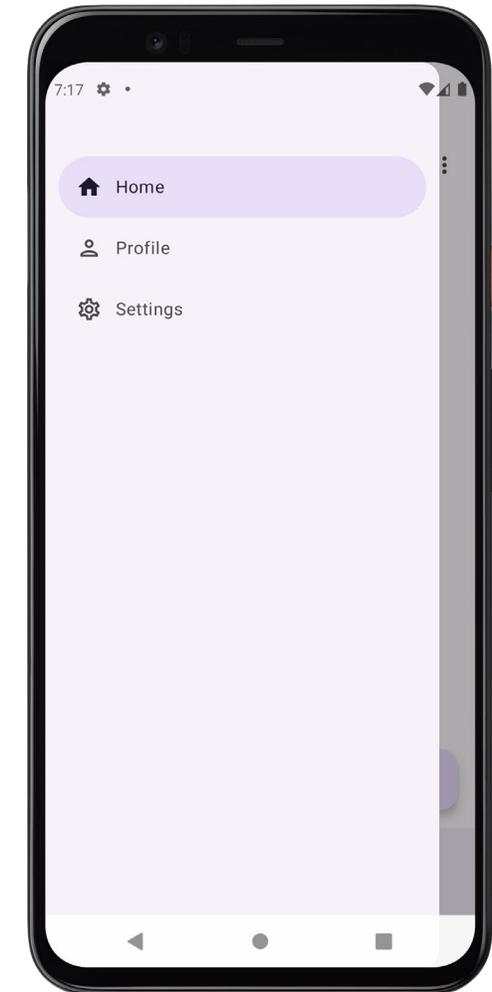
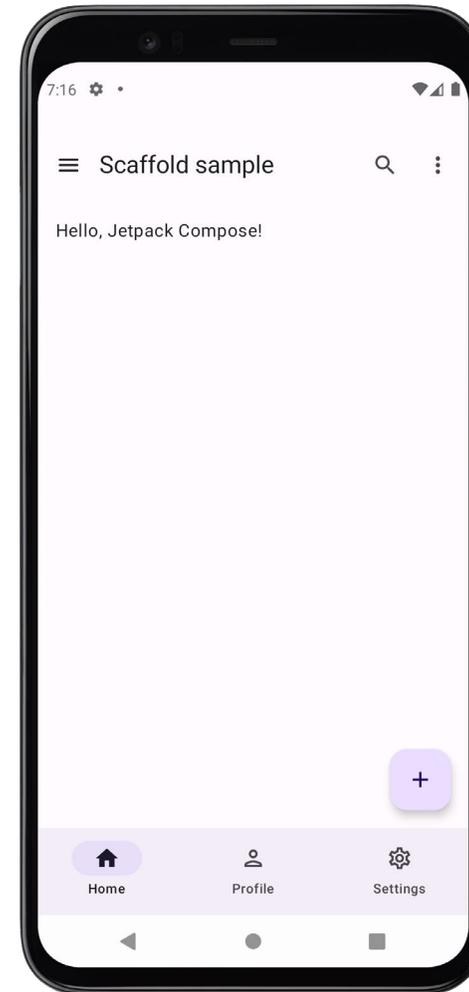
# 10. Material components - Scaffold

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```
@Composable
fun MyScreen() {

    // ...

    ModalNavigationDrawer(
        drawerState = drawerState,
        drawerContent = {
            MyDrawerContent(items, scope, drawerState)
        },
    ) {
        Scaffold(
            topBar = {
                MyTopAppBar(scope, drawerState)
            },
            floatingActionButton = {
                MyFloatingActionButtons()
            },
            content = { innerPadding ->
                MyContent(Modifier.padding(innerPadding))
            },
            bottomBar = {
                MyNavigationBar(items)
            }
        )
    }
}
```



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# 11. State management

- Jetpack Compose is a declarative UI framework. This means:
  - The UI is a function of state
  - When state changes, the UI is re-drawn automatically
- **State** represents data that can change over time and affects the UI.  
For example:
  - A counter value
  - Text entered by the user
  - Whether a dialog is visible
  - Loading or error status

# 11. State management

- To manage state correctly, we must distinguish between:
  1. **Recomposition (changes in Jetpack Compose)**
    - Recomposition occurs when a state value changes
    - Only the affected composables are re-executed
    - The Activity is not recreated
  2. **Configuration changes (changes in the Android system)**
    - A configuration change occurs (e.g., screen rotation, language change, dark mode)
    - The Activity is recreated
    - The entire composition restarts

# 11. State management

- Jetpack Compose provides use the following mechanisms for state management
  1. **Recomposition:**
    - `remember`: Retains a state instance across recompositions
    - `mutableStateOf`: Creates observable state. When the value changes, it triggers recomposition.
  2. **Configuration changes:**
    - `rememberSaveable`: Retains state across configuration changes (e.g., screen rotation). It also uses `mutableStateOf` to creates observable states
    - `ViewModel`: For managing complex state that survives configuration changes

<https://developer.android.com/develop/ui/compose/state>

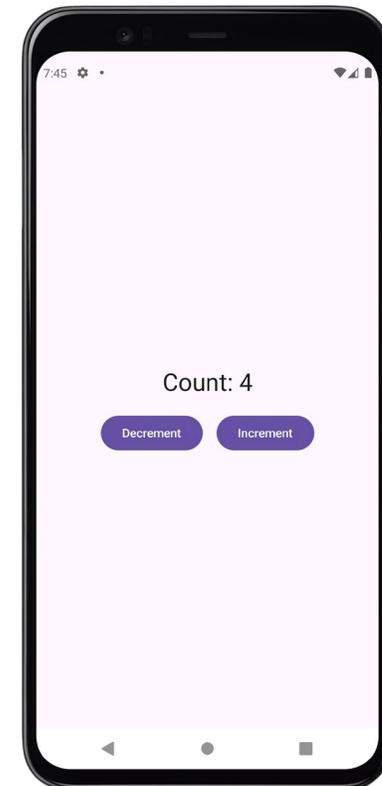
# 11. State management - Stateful composables

- A composable that uses `remember` to store an object creates internal state, making the composable **stateful**
  - Example: A counter app where the UI updates whenever the count changes

In this example, we use the specialized function for creating a mutable state for integers (`mutableIntStateOf`) to create a **state variable** called `count`

```
@Composable
fun Counter() {
    // State is managed internally within the composable
    var count by remember { mutableIntStateOf(0) }

    Column(
        modifier = Modifier.fillMaxSize(),
        verticalArrangement = Arrangement.Center,
        horizontalAlignment = Alignment.CenterHorizontally
    ) {
        Text(
            text = "Count: $count",
            style = MaterialTheme.typography.headlineMedium
        )
        Spacer(modifier = Modifier.height(16.dp))
        Row(
            horizontalArrangement = Arrangement.spacedBy(16.dp)
        ) {
            Button(onClick = { count++ }) {
                Text(stringResource(R.string.increment))
            }
            Button(onClick = { count-- }) {
                Text(stringResource(R.string.decrement))
            }
        }
    }
}
```



# 11. State management - Stateless composables

- A **stateless** composable is a composable that doesn't hold any state
  - An easy way to achieve stateless is by using state hoisting
- **State hoisting** is a pattern where the state is moved to a higher-level composable, making the composable reusable
  - The state owner exposes to consumers the state and events to modify it
- The benefits of state hoisting are:
  - Improves reusability and testability
  - Centralizes state management

<https://developer.android.com/develop/ui/compose/state#stateful-vs-stateless>

<https://developer.android.com/develop/ui/compose/state-hoisting>

# 11. State management - Stateless composables

- The following example shows the stateless version of the previous counter:

```
@Composable
fun CounterApp() {
    // State is hoisted to the parent composable
    var count by remember { mutableIntStateOf(0) }

    // Stateless Counter composable
    Counter(
        count = count,
        onIncrement = { count++ },
        onDecrement = { count-- },
    )
}
```

The parent composable exposes the state (`count`) and events to modify it (`onIncrement` and `onDecrement`)

```
@Composable
fun Counter(
    count: Int, // State passed as a parameter
    onIncrement: () -> Unit, // Event callback for increment
    onDecrement: () -> Unit // Event callback for decrement
) {
    Column(
        modifier = Modifier.fillMaxSize(),
        verticalArrangement = Arrangement.Center,
        horizontalAlignment = Alignment.CenterHorizontally
    ) {
        Text(
            text = "Count: $count",
            style = MaterialTheme.typography.headlineMedium
        )
        Spacer(modifier = Modifier.height(16.dp))
        Row(
            horizontalArrangement = Arrangement.spacedBy(16.dp)
        ) {
            Button(onClick = onDecrement) {
                Text(stringResource(R.string.decrement))
            }
            Button(onClick = onIncrement) {
                Text(stringResource(R.string.increment))
            }
        }
    }
}
```

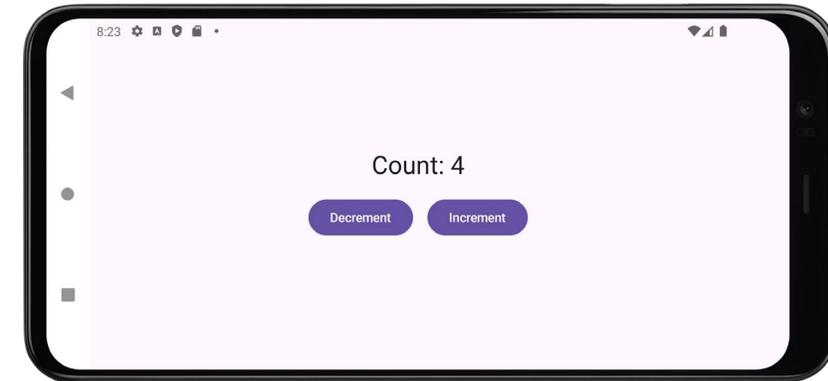
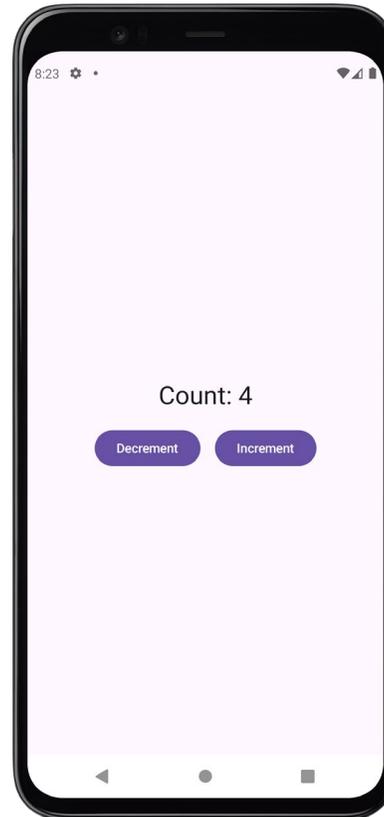
`() -> Unit` → This represents a function that takes no arguments and returns nothing

# 11. State management - Surviving configuration changes

- To restore state across configuration changes (e.g., screen rotation), we use `rememberSaveable` instead of `remember`
  - It can be use both in stateful and stateless composables

```
@Composable
fun CounterApp() {
    // State is hoisted to the parent composable
    var count by rememberSaveable { mutableIntStateOf(0) }

    // Stateless Counter composable
    Counter(
        count = count,
        onIncrement = { count++ },
        onDecrement = { count-- }
    )
}
```



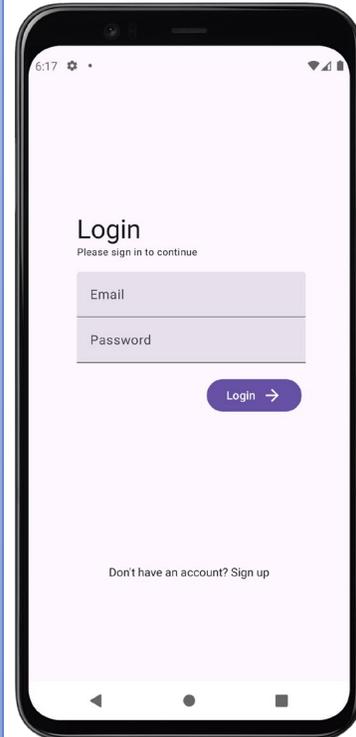
# 11. State management - Surviving configuration changes

- We typically use these type of state variables when form fields:

```
var login by rememberSaveable { mutableStateOf("") }
var password by rememberSaveable { mutableStateOf("") }

TextField(
    value = login,
    onChange = { login = it },
    modifier = Modifier
        .constrainAs(loginField) {
            top.linkTo(text2.bottom, margin = 16.dp)
            start.linkTo(startGuideline)
        },
    placeholder = {
        Text(stringResource(R.string.email_edit_text))
    },
    keyboardOptions = KeyboardOptions(keyboardType = KeyboardType.Email)
)
TextField(
    value = password,
    onChange = { password = it },
    modifier = Modifier
        .constrainAs(passwordField) {
            top.linkTo(loginField.bottom)
            start.linkTo(startGuideline)
        },
    placeholder = {
        Text(stringResource(R.string.password_edit_text))
    },
    visualTransformation = PasswordVisualTransformation(),
    keyboardOptions = KeyboardOptions(keyboardType = KeyboardType.Password)
)
```

- `value = login`: Binds the text field's value to the login state variable
- `onChange = { login = it }`: Updates the login state whenever the user types in the field (`it` is the *implicit name* of a single parameter in lambda expressions)
- `placeholder`: Displays a hint when the field is empty
- `keyboardOptions`: Sets the keyboard type to `Email` (for easier email input) and `Password` for secure input
- `visualTransformation`: Masks the input with `PasswordVisualTransformation()` (to show dots instead of text)



## 11. State management - remember vs rememberSaveable

- remember is used when the state survive recomposition, e.g.:
  - Dropdown expanded state
  - Animation progress
  - Snackbar visibility
- rememberSaveable is used when the state should survive configuration changes, e.g.:
  - Text field input
  - Selected tab index
  - Form values
- If the user rotates the device, should this value still exist?
  - Yes → rememberSaveable
  - No → remember

# 11. State management - View model

- In most modern Android apps, business logic (domain-specific code) and state (application data) are usually handled by *ViewModels*
- A `ViewModel` is a Kotlin class that holds UI state and logic, keeping it separate from the UI and independent of its lifecycle
- The key features of `ViewModel` objects are:
  - They hold state (e.g., using *`mutableIntStateOf`* or other) that survives configuration changes
  - They expose this state and receives events from composables (i.e., composables observe this state and update the UI when the state changes)
  - They are independent of the UI (i.e., they must not reference composables, context, or UI elements)

<https://developer.android.com/topic/libraries/architecture/viewmodel>

# 11. State management - View model

- Android apps commonly follow the MVVM architecture:
  - **Model**: This layer represents the data. It interacts with data sources like databases or REST services (network APIs)
  - **View**: This layer handles the user interface (UI) elements and their layout (i.e., the composable functions)
  - **ViewModel**: This layer acts as the intermediary between the **Model** and the **View**. It prepares the data for the **View** in a consumable way, handles business logic, and exposes observable data streams to the **View**



# 11. State management - View model

- To use view model, we need the following dependency:

build.gradle.kts

```
dependencies {  
    implementation(libs.androidx.lifecycle.viewmodel.compose)  
}
```

libs.version.toml

```
[versions]  
lifecycleRuntimeKtx = "2.10.0"  
  
[libraries]  
androidx-lifecycle-viewmodel-compose = { group = "androidx.lifecycle",  
    name = "lifecycle-viewmodel-compose", version.ref = "lifecycleRuntimeKtx" }
```

# 11. State management - View model

MainActivity.kt

```
@Composable
fun CounterApp(viewModel: CounterViewModel = viewModel()) {
    // Observe the state from the ViewModel
    val count by viewModel.count.asIntState()

    // Stateless Counter composable
    Counter(
        count = count,
        onIncrement = { viewModel.increment() },
        onDecrement = { viewModel.decrement() }
    )
}
```

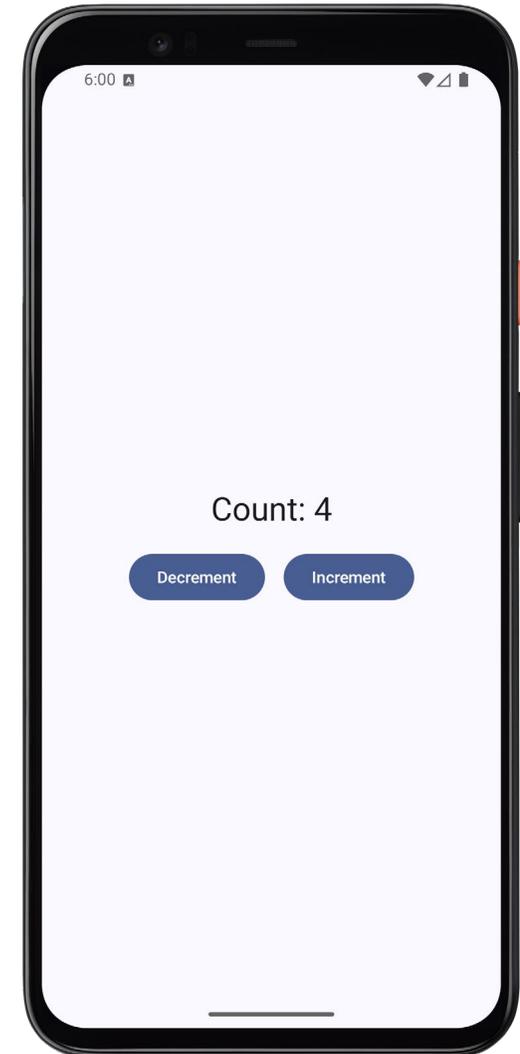
CounterViewModel.kt

```
class CounterViewModel : ViewModel() {
    private val _count = mutableIntStateOf(0) // Mutable state
    val count: State<Int> get() = _count

    fun increment() {
        _count.intValue++
    }

    fun decrement() {
        _count.intValue--
    }
}
```

The type `State<T>` read-only observable state type used by Compose



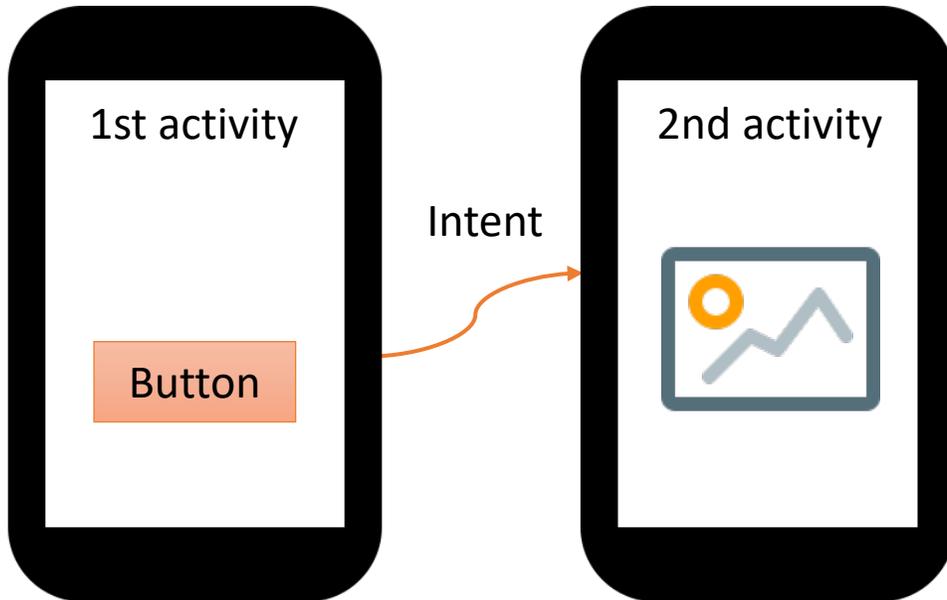
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# 12. Navigation

- Navigation refers to the interactions that let users navigate across, into, and back out from the different pieces of the UI
- The traditional Android view system (XML-based UI) was based on navigation between different activities using **intents**
  - An Intent is a messaging object you can use to request an action from another app component (e.g., from an activity to other)
- Jetpack Compose uses the **Navigation Component**, which is part of Android Jetpack
  - The Navigation Component is a library designed to work seamlessly with Compose's declarative UI model
  - With this component we implement single-activity apps with different screens implemented as composable functions

# 12. Navigation - Intents



Let's see an example of an app composed by two activities which uses an (explicit) intent to start the second activity

AndroidManifest.xml

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<manifest xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android">

    <application
        android:icon="@mipmap/ic_launcher"
        android:label="@string/app_name"
        android:roundIcon="@mipmap/ic_launcher_round"
        android:theme="@style/Theme.MyApp">
        <activity
            android:name=".MainActivity"
            android:exported="true">
            <intent-filter>
                <action android:name="android.intent.action.MAIN" />
                <category android:name="android.intent.category.LAUNCHER" />
            </intent-filter>
        </activity>
        <activity
            android:name=".SecondActivity"
            android:exported="false" />
    </application>

</manifest>
```

<https://developer.android.com/reference/android/content/Intent>

# 12. Navigation - Intents

MainActivity.kt

```
class MainActivity : AppCompatActivity() {
    override fun onCreate(savedInstanceState: Bundle?) {
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState)
        enableEdgeToEdge()
        setContent {
            MyAppTheme {
                Scaffold(modifier = Modifier.fillMaxSize()) { innerPadding ->
                    MyLayout(modifier = Modifier.padding(innerPadding))
                }
            }
        }
    }
}

@Composable
fun MyLayout(modifier: Modifier = Modifier) {
    var text by rememberSaveable { mutableStateOf("") }
    val context = LocalContext.current

    Column(modifier = modifier) {
        Text(text = stringResource(R.string.text_msg))
        TextField(
            value = text,
            onValueChange = { text = it },
            modifier = Modifier.fillMaxWidth()
        )
        Button(
            onClick = {
                val intent = Intent(context, SecondActivity::class.java).apply {
                    putExtra("name", text)
                }
                context.startActivity(intent)
            },
        ) {
            Text(stringResource(R.string.button_msg))
        }
    }
}
}
```



# 12. Navigation - Intents

SecondActivity.kt

```
class SecondActivity : ComponentActivity() {  
  
    override fun onCreate(savedInstanceState: Bundle?) {  
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState)  
        enableEdgeToEdge()  
        setContent {  
            MyAppTheme {  
                Scaffold(modifier = Modifier.fillMaxSize()) { innerPadding ->  
                    val name = intent.getStringExtra("name")  
                    val hello = String.format(stringResource(R.string.hello_msg), name)  
                    MyLayout(modifier = Modifier.padding(innerPadding), hello)  
                }  
            }  
        }  
    }  
}  
  
@Composable  
fun MyLayout(modifier: Modifier = Modifier, text: String) {  
    Text(text = text, modifier = modifier)  
}
```

Although this type of navigation is possible, in Jetpack Compose it is preferred single-activities apps using the Navigation library



# 12. Navigation - Navigation Component

- The Navigation component is a library that enables declarative navigation between screens in a Jetpack Compose apps
- The key concepts of the Navigation Component are the following:
  - NavController: Object that manages navigation between composables. It keeps track of the back stack and the current destination
  - NavHost: Composable that acts as container to hosts the navigation graph and displays the current destination
  - Navigation graph: A collection of *composable* destinations that maps out all the screens in your app and the paths (*routes*) that users can take to navigate between them

<https://developer.android.com/develop/ui/compose/navigation>

# 12. Navigation - Navigation Component

- To use Navigation Component, first we need to setup the following dependency in our Android project:

build.gradle.kts

```
dependencies {  
    implementation(Libs.androidx.navigation.compose)  
}
```

libs.version.toml

```
[versions]  
navigationCompose = "2.9.7"  
  
[libraries]  
androidx-navigation-compose = { module = "androidx.navigation:navigation-compose", version.ref = "navigationCompose" }
```

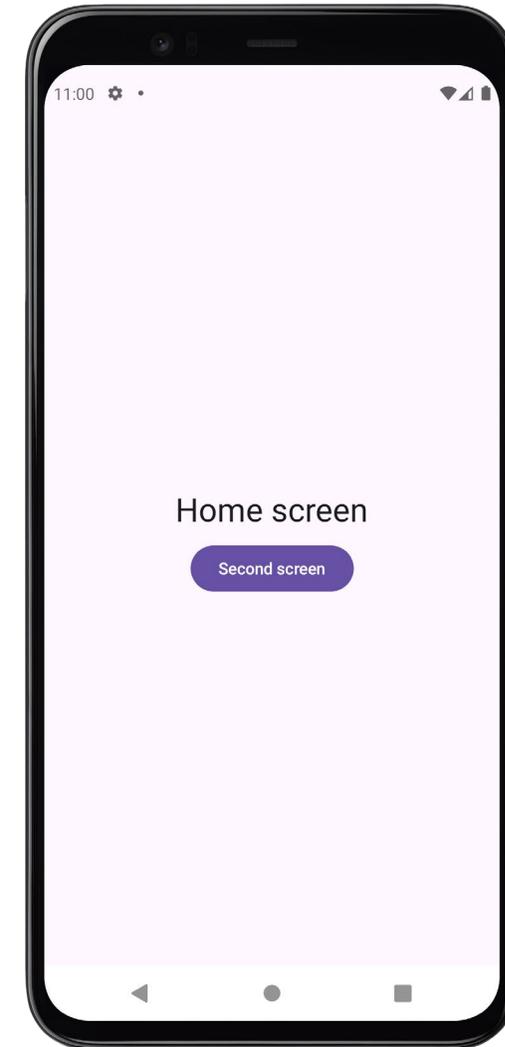
# 12. Navigation - Navigation Component

```
class MainActivity : AppCompatActivity() {
    override fun onCreate(savedInstanceState: Bundle?) {
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState)
        enableEdgeToEdge()
        setContent {
            MyAppTheme {
                Surface(
                    modifier = Modifier.fillMaxSize(),
                    color = MaterialTheme.colorScheme.background
                ) {
                    val navController = rememberNavController()
                    NavHost(
                        navController = navController,
                        startDestination = "home"
                    ) {
                        composable("home") {
                            HomeScreen(navController)
                        }
                        composable("second") {
                            SecondScreen(navController)
                        }
                    }
                }
            }
        }
    }
}
```

- `rememberNavController()` creates a `NavController` object to manage navigation between composables
- `NavHost` is a container for the navigation graph. It hosts the composable destinations (`HomeScreen` and `SecondScreen` in this example)

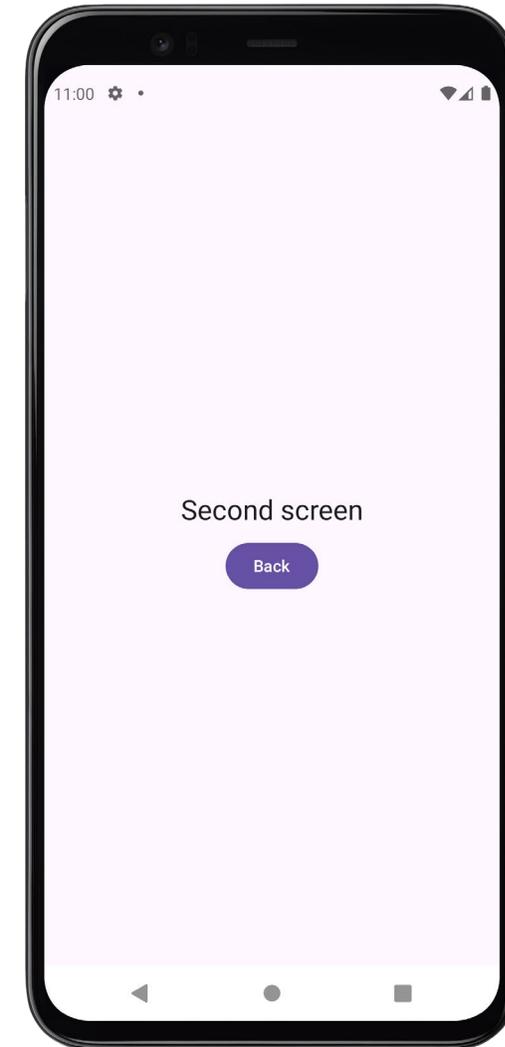
# 12. Navigation - Navigation Component

```
@Composable
fun HomeScreen(navController: NavController) {
    Column(
        Modifier.fillMaxSize(),
        horizontalAlignment = Alignment.CenterHorizontally,
        verticalArrangement = Arrangement.Center
    ) {
        Text(
            text = stringResource(R.string.home_msg),
            style = MaterialTheme.typography.headlineMedium
        )
        Spacer(Modifier.height(8.dp))
        Button(
            onClick = { navController.navigate("second") },
        ) {
            Text(stringResource(R.string.button_msg))
        }
    }
}
```



# 12. Navigation - Navigation Component

```
@Composable
fun SecondScreen(navController: NavController) {
    Column(
        Modifier.fillMaxSize(),
        horizontalAlignment = Alignment.CenterHorizontally,
        verticalArrangement = Arrangement.Center
    ) {
        Text(
            text = stringResource(R.string.second_msg),
            style = MaterialTheme.typography.headlineSmall
        )
        Spacer(Modifier.height(8.dp))
        Button(
            onClick = { navController.popBackStack() },
        ) {
            Text(stringResource(R.string.back_msg))
        }
    }
}
```



# 12. Navigation - Navigation Component

- We can pass arguments between screens using the navigation library.  
For example:

- The second composable defines a route with a dynamic argument ("**second/{name}**")
- The arguments list ensures that **name** is treated as a String type (**NavType.StringType**)
- **backStackEntry** (object that gives access to the navigation arguments) is used to retrieve the name argument from the navigation back stack. The operator **?** is used to safely access **arguments** (if **arguments** is null, name will be also null)
- If name is not null, it is passes to **SecondScreen**

```
class MainActivity : AppCompatActivity() {
    override fun onCreate(savedInstanceState: Bundle?) {
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState)
        enableEdgeToEdge()
        setContent {
            MyAppTheme {
                Scaffold(modifier = Modifier.fillMaxSize()) { innerPadding ->
                    val navController = rememberNavController()
                    val modifier = Modifier.padding(innerPadding)
                    NavHost(
                        navController = navController,
                        startDestination = "first"
                    ) {
                        composable("first") {
                            FirstScreen(navController, modifier)
                        }
                        composable(
                            "second/{name}",
                            arguments = listOf(navArgument("name") { type = NavType.StringType })
                        ) { backStackEntry ->
                            val name = backStackEntry.arguments?.getString("name")
                            name?.let { SecondScreen(modifier, it) }
                        }
                    }
                }
            }
        }
    }
}
```

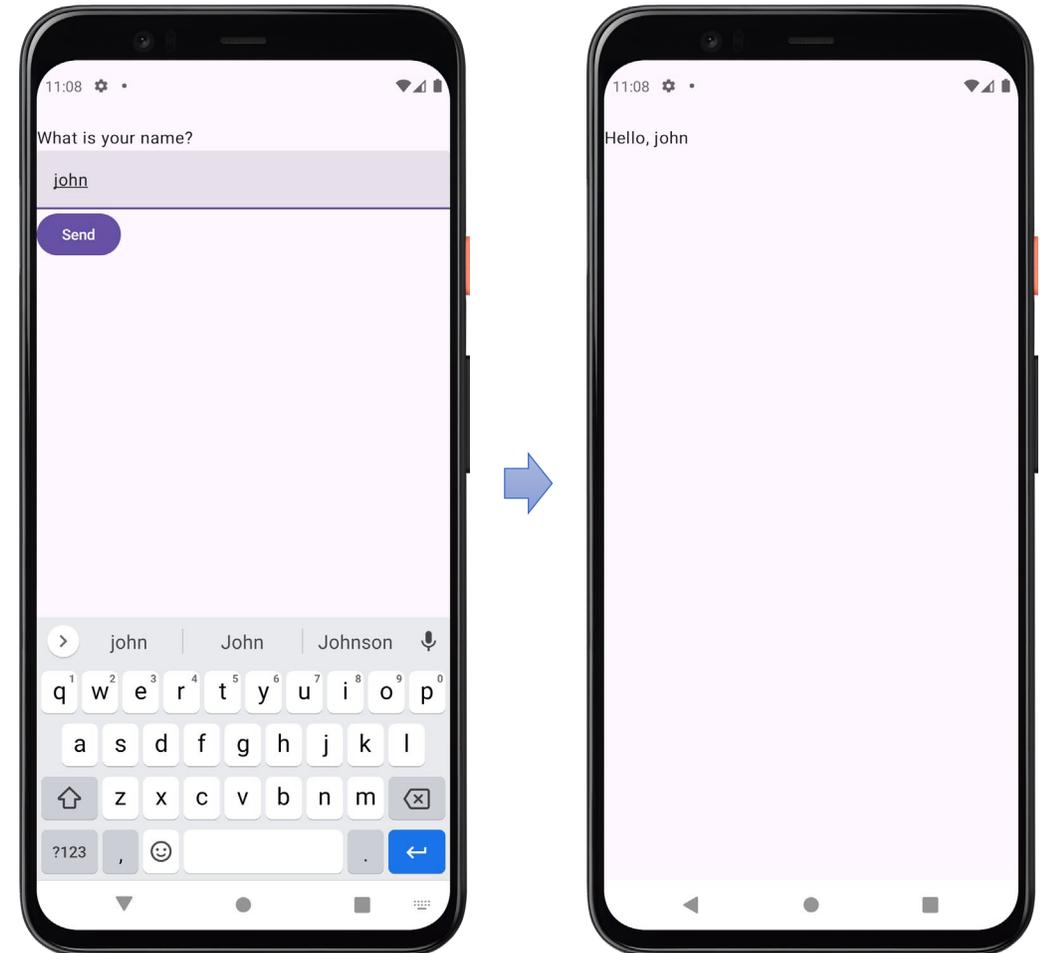
# 12. Navigation - Navigation Component

- We can pass arguments between screens using the navigation library.  
For example:

```
@Composable
fun FirstScreen(navController: NavController, modifier: Modifier = Modifier) {
    var text by rememberSaveable { mutableStateOf("") }

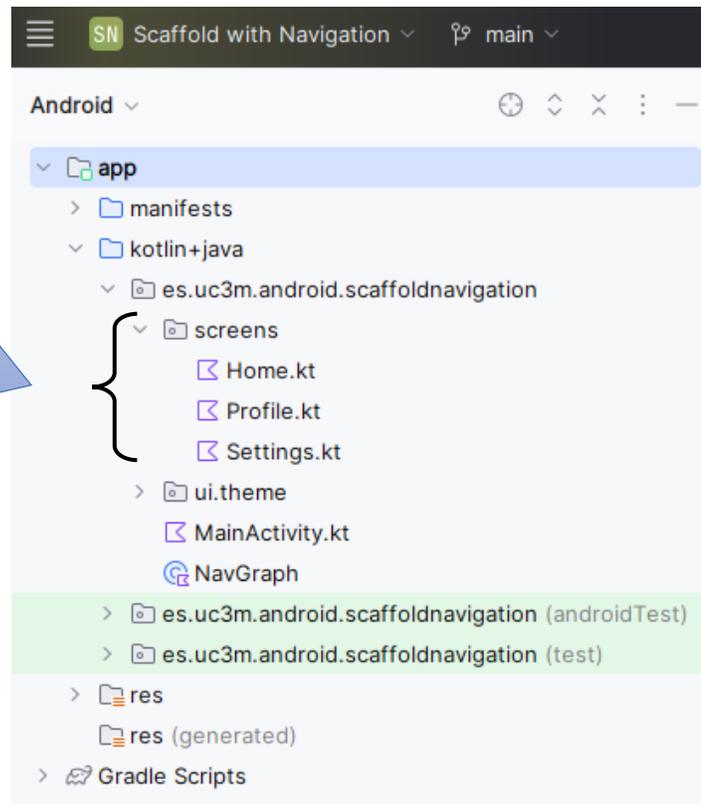
    Column(modifier = modifier) {
        Text(text = stringResource(R.string.text_msg))
        TextField(
            value = text,
            onChange = { text = it },
            modifier = Modifier.fillMaxWidth()
        )
        Button(
            onClick = { navController.navigate("second/$text") },
        ) {
            Text(stringResource(R.string.button_msg))
        }
    }
}

@Composable
fun SecondScreen(modifier: Modifier = Modifier, name: String = "") {
    val hello = String.format(stringResource(R.string.hello_msg), name)
    Text(text = hello, modifier = modifier)
}
```



# 12. Navigation - Navigation Component

- The following example combines an Scaffold structure with the use of the navigation component:



This folder contains the composables for the different screens

The NavGraph class defines the navigation graph using a *sealed* class (i.e., special type of class in Kotlin that restricts inheritance, used for representing a closed set of types, such as navigation routes in this case). This mechanism is a good practice to avoid hardcoding routes (string values)

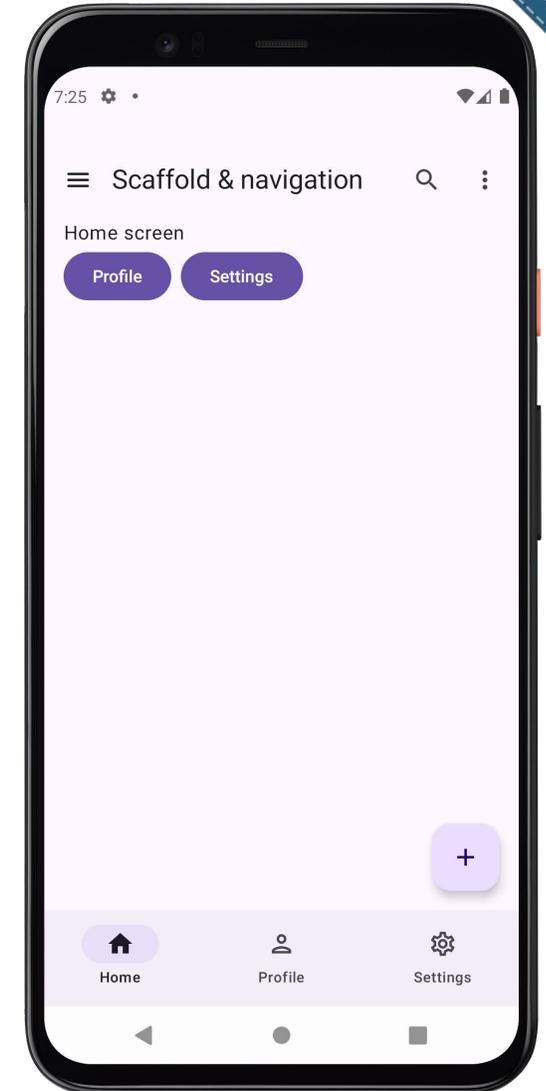
```
const val HOME_ROUTE = "home"
const val PROFILE_ROUTE = "profile"
const val SETTING_ROUTE = "settings"

sealed class NavGraph(val route: String) {
    data object Home : NavGraph(HOME_ROUTE)
    data object Profile : NavGraph(PROFILE_ROUTE)
    data object Settings : NavGraph("$SETTING_ROUTE/{source}") {
        // Helper function to create the route with arguments
        fun createRoute(source: String) = "$SETTING_ROUTE/$source"
    }
}
```

# 12. Navigation - Navigation Component

The `content` composable defines the `NavHost`. The navigation controller is used in all parts that requires to change navigation (e.g., navigation drawer, bottom bar, screen composables)

```
@Composable
fun MyContent(modifier: Modifier = Modifier, navController: NavHostController) {
    NavHost(
        modifier = modifier,
        navController = navController,
        startDestination = NavGraph.Home.route,
    ) {
        composable(NavGraph.Home.route) {
            HomeScreen(navController = navController)
        }
        composable(NavGraph.Profile.route) {
            ProfileScreen(navController = navController)
        }
        composable(
            NavGraph.Settings.route,
            arguments = listOf(navArgument("source") { type = NavType.StringType })
        ) { backStackEntry ->
            val source = backStackEntry.arguments?.getString("source")
            SettingsScreen(navController = navController, source)
        }
    }
}
```



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# 13. Lists and grids

- In Jetpack Compose, **lists** and **grids** are essential components for displaying collections of items in a structured way
- Jetpack Compose provides different composables handle collections efficiently:
  - LazyColumn: For vertical lists
  - LazyRow: For horizontal lists
  - LazyVerticalGrid: For vertically grids
  - LazyHorizontalGrid: For horizontally grids

<https://developer.android.com/develop/ui/compose/lists>

# 13. Lists and grids - Lists

- **Lists** are used to display a vertically or horizontally scrollable collection of items
- Jetpack Compose provides two main composables for creating scrollable lists:
  - LazyColumn: For vertical lists
  - LazyRow: For horizontal lists
- These composables are **lazy**, meaning they only compose and render the items that are currently visible on the screen (*viewport*)
  - This makes them highly efficient for large datasets

<https://developer.android.com/develop/ui/compose/lists>

# 13. Lists and grids - Lists

This example defines a composable function that displays a scrollable vertical list of items

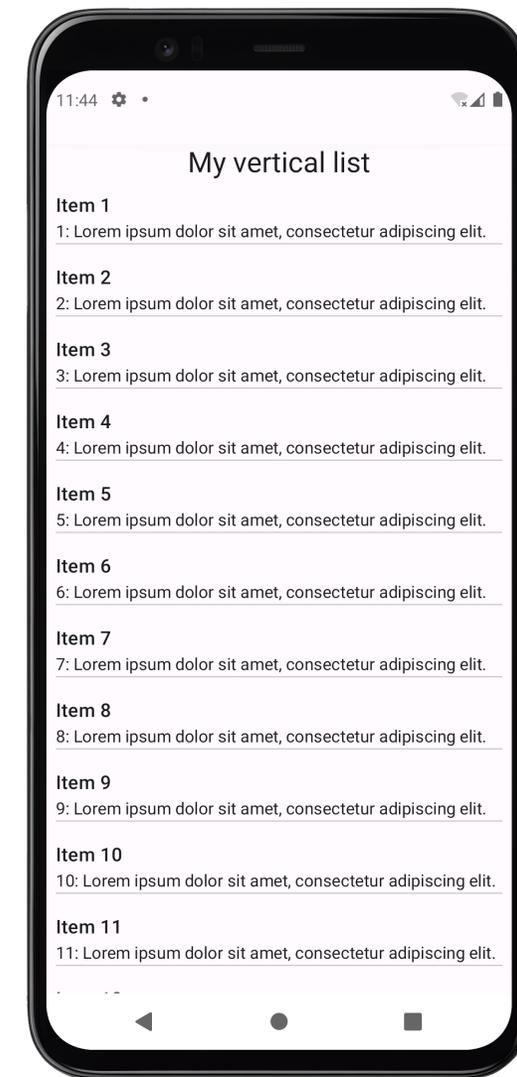
The `rememberLazyListState()` function ensures that the scroll position is not reset when the UI is recomposed

This part adds the `content` of `LazyColumn`, composed by a single item (`Text`) plus a list of items (iterating to create `myList` a `Column` composable for each item)

```
data class Item(val title: String, val description: String)

@Composable
fun MyLazyColumn(modifier: Modifier = Modifier) {
    val title = stringResource(R.string.item_title)
    val description = stringResource(R.string.item_description)
    val myList = (0..20).map {
        Item(
            title = String.format(title, it + 1),
            description = String.format(description, it + 1),
        )
    }

    LazyColumn(
        state = rememberLazyListState(),
        horizontalAlignment = Alignment.CenterHorizontally,
        modifier = modifier,
        content = {
            item {
                Text(
                    text = stringResource(R.string.my_List),
                    style = MaterialTheme.typography.headlineSmall
                )
            }
            items(myList) {
                Column(
                    modifier = Modifier.padding(8.dp)
                ) {
                    Text(
                        text = it.title,
                        style = MaterialTheme.typography.titleMedium
                    )
                    Text(
                        text = it.description,
                        style = MaterialTheme.typography.bodyMedium
                    )
                    HorizontalDivider()
                }
            }
        }
    )
}
```



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# 13. Lists and grids - Lists

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This example defines a scrollable horizontal list composed by 10 **Text** items

```
@Composable
fun MyLazyRow(modifier: Modifier = Modifier) {
    Column(modifier = modifier) {
        Text(
            modifier = Modifier.padding(16.dp),
            text = stringResource(R.string.my_list),
            style = MaterialTheme.typography.headlineSmall,
            textAlign = TextAlign.Start
        )
        LazyRow(
            state = rememberLazyListState(),
            contentPadding = PaddingValues(8.dp),
            verticalAlignment = Alignment.CenterVertically
        ) {
            items(10) { index ->
                Text(
                    text = stringResource(R.string.item_text, index),
                    modifier = Modifier.padding(8.dp),
                    style = MaterialTheme.typography.bodyLarge
                )
            }
        }
    }
}
```



# 13. Lists and grids - Grids

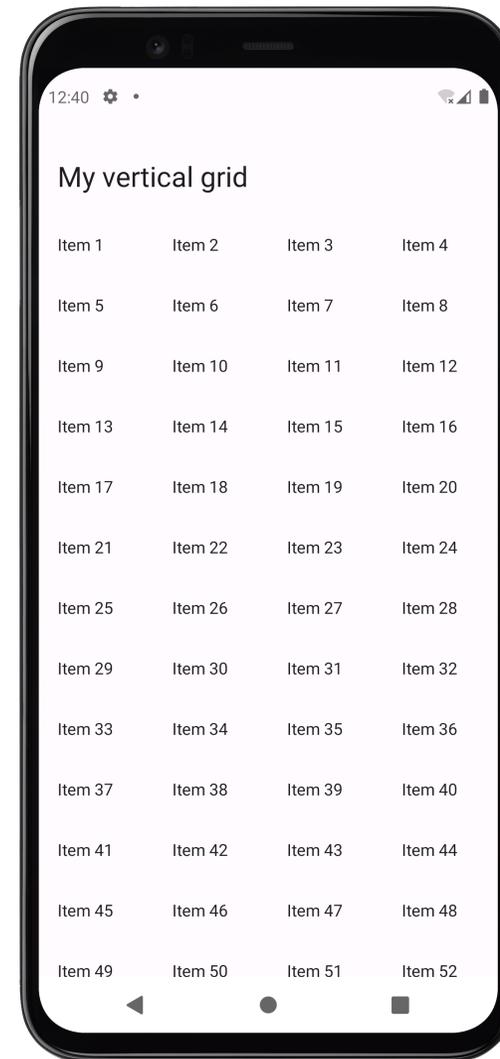
- **Grids** are used to display items in a grid layout (i.e., to organize content into rows and columns)
- Jetpack Compose provides two main composables for creating scrollable grids:
  - LazyVerticalGrid: For vertically grids
  - LazyHorizontalGrid: For horizontally grids
- Like LazyColumn and LazyRow, these composables are **lazy** and only render visible items

<https://developer.android.com/develop/ui/compose/lists>

# 13. Lists and grids - Grids

This example defines a composable function that displays a scrollable vertical grids of 100 items displayed in a grid of 4 columns

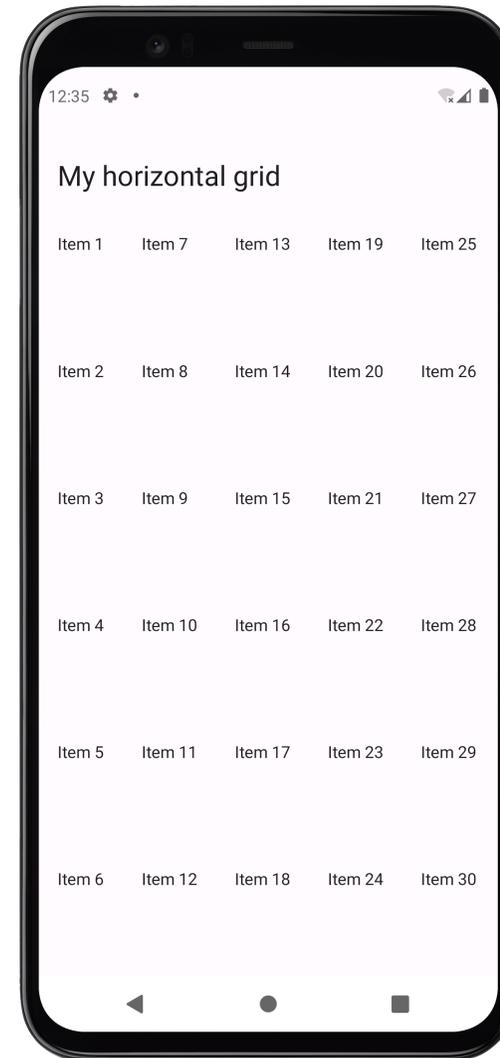
```
@Composable
fun MyVerticalGrid(modifier: Modifier = Modifier) {
    Column(modifier = modifier) {
        Text(
            modifier = Modifier.padding(16.dp),
            text = stringResource(R.string.my_grid),
            style = MaterialTheme.typography.headlineSmall,
            textAlign = TextAlign.Start
        )
        LazyVerticalGrid(
            columns = GridCells.Fixed(4), // 4 columns
            state = rememberLazyGridState()
        ) {
            items(100) { index ->
                Text(
                    text = stringResource(R.string.item_text, index + 1),
                    modifier = Modifier.padding(16.dp),
                    style = MaterialTheme.typography.bodyMedium
                )
            }
        }
    }
}
```



# 13. Lists and grids - Grids

This example defines a composable function that displays a scrollable horizontal grids of 42 items displayed in a grid of 6 rows

```
@Composable
fun MyHorizontalGrid(modifier: Modifier = Modifier) {
    Column(modifier = modifier) {
        Text(
            modifier = Modifier.padding(16.dp),
            text = stringResource(R.string.my_grid),
            style = MaterialTheme.typography.headlineSmall,
            textAlign = TextAlign.Start
        )
        LazyHorizontalGrid(
            rows = GridCells.Fixed(6), // 6 rows
            state = rememberLazyGridState()
        ) {
            items(42) { index ->
                Text(
                    text = stringResource(R.string.item_text, index + 1),
                    modifier = Modifier.padding(16.dp),
                    style = MaterialTheme.typography.bodyMedium
                )
            }
        }
    }
}
```



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# 14. Animations

- Jetpack Compose provides built-in support for common animations, such as:
  - Visibility: appearance and disappearance
  - Content size changes
  - Transition between composables
- Some of these functions are:
  - `AnimatedVisibility`: to hide or show content
  - `AnimatedContent`: to animate between different contents
  - `animate*()`: to animate an individual property
  - `animate*AsState()`: to carry out state-drive animations
  - `Transition`: to animate multiple values at once
  - `InfiniteTransition`: to animate properties continuously

<https://developer.android.com/develop/ui/compose/animation/introduction>

# 14. Animations

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```
@Composable
fun ChangeSize() {
    var expanded by remember { mutableStateOf(false) }
    val size by animateDpAsState(targetValue = if (expanded) 200.dp else 100.dp)

    Box(
        modifier = Modifier
            .size(size)
            .background(Color.Blue)
            .clickable { expanded = !expanded }
    )
}
```

Animations are triggered  
by state changes

```
@Composable
fun ChangeSizeAndColor() {
    var toggled by remember { mutableStateOf(false) }
    val transition = updateTransition(targetState = toggled)

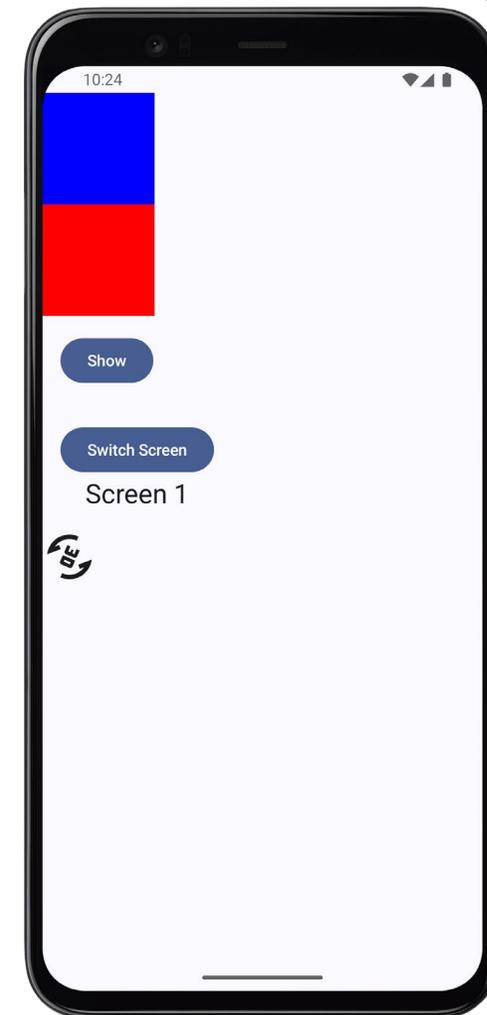
    val color by transition.animateColor(label = "color") { state ->
        if (state) Color.Green else Color.Red
    }
    val size by transition.animateDp(label = "size") { state ->
        if (state) 150.dp else 100.dp
    }

    Box(
        modifier = Modifier
            .size(size)
            .background(color)
            .clickable { toggled = !toggled }
    )
}
```

```
@Composable
fun ToggleVisibility() {
    var visible by remember { mutableStateOf(false) }

    Column(
        horizontalAlignment = Alignment.CenterHorizontally,
        modifier = Modifier.padding(16.dp)
    ) {
        Button(onClick = { visible = !visible }) {
            Text(if (visible) "Hide" else "Show")
        }

        AnimatedVisibility(visible) {
            Box(
                modifier = Modifier
                    .size(100.dp)
                    .background(Color.Blue)
            )
        }
    }
}
```



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# 15. Takeaways

- Jetpack Compose is a modern UI toolkit for building native Android apps using Kotlin
  - It simplifies UI development by using a declarative approach, allowing us to define an app's UI as composable functions
  - This eliminates the need for XML layouts and reduces boilerplate code, making UI development faster and more intuitive
- Composables are the building block of Jetpack Compose
  - Composables are annotated with `@Composable` and describes how a portion of the UI should look based on the current state
  - Jetpack Compose offers an implementation of the Material components a collection of composable functions