Espresso Patronum: The Magic of the Robot Pattern

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What Is Espresso?

Use Espresso to write concise, beautiful, and reliable Android UI tests¹.

¹ https://developer.android.com/training/testing/espresso/index.html

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- doesNotExist()

Espresso Example

```
// onView gives us a ViewInteraction where we can perform an action
// or check an assertion.
onView(ViewMatcher)
    .perform(ViewAction)
    .check(ViewAssertion)
```

Espresso Example

```
// Type into an EditText, verify it appears in a TextView
onView(withId(R.id.etInput)).perform(typeText("Adam"))
onView(withId(R.id.tvOutput)).check(matches(withText("Adam")))
```

Sample App



Happy Path Test

```
@Test
fun testSuccessfulRegistration() {
    onView(withId(R.id.etFirstName)).perform(typeText("Adam"))
    onView(withId(R.id.etLastName)).perform(typeText("McNeilly"))
    onView(withId(R.id.etEmail)).perform(typeText("adam@testing.com"))
    onView(withId(R.id.etPhone)).perform(typeText("1234567890"))
    onView(withId(R.id.registerButton)).perform(click())
   onView(withId(R.id.tvFullName)).check(matches(withText("Adam McNeilly")))
    onView(withId(R.id.tvEmailAddress)).check(matches(withText("adam@testing.com")))
    onView(withId(R.id.tvPhoneNumber)).check(matches(withText("(123)-456-7890")))
```

Test Leaving Out A Field

```
@Test
fun testMissingEmailError() {
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    onView(withId(R.id.etLastName)).perform(typeText("McNeilly"))
    onView(withId(R.id.etPhone)).perform(typeText("1234567890"))
    onView(withId(R.id.registerButton)).perform(click())

    onView(withId(R.id.etEmail)).check(matches(hasErrorText("Must enter an email address.")))
}
```

Test An Invalid Field

```
@Test
fun testInvalidEmailError() {
    onView(withId(R.id.etFirstName)).perform(typeText("Adam"))
    onView(withId(R.id.etLastName)).perform(typeText("McNeilly"))
    onView(withId(R.id.etEmail)).perform(typeText("blahblah"))
    onView(withId(R.id.etPhone)).perform(typeText("1234567890"))
    onView(withId(R.id.registerButton)).perform(click())

    onView(withId(R.id.etEmail)).check(matches(hasErrorText("Must enter a valid email address.")))
}
```

All Together

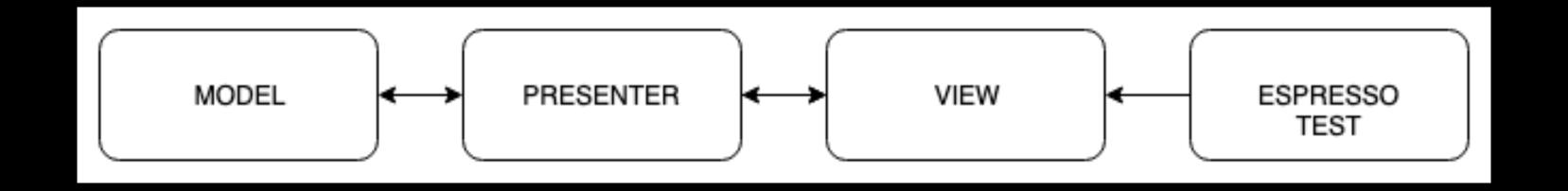
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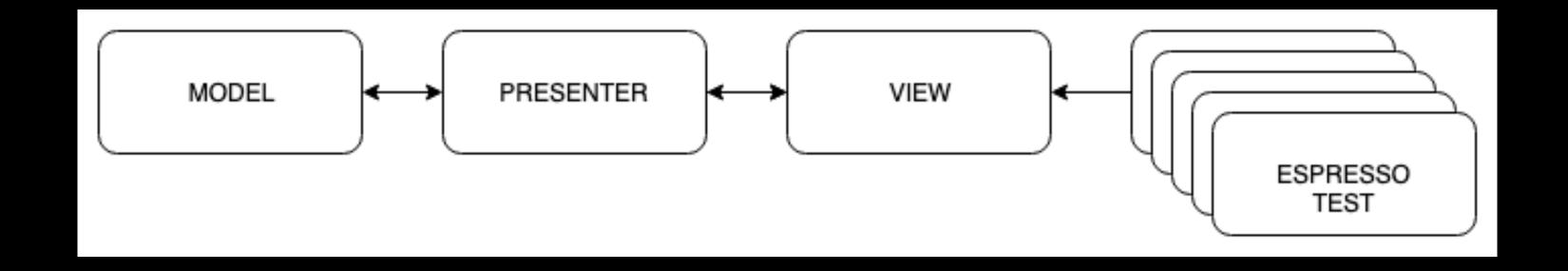
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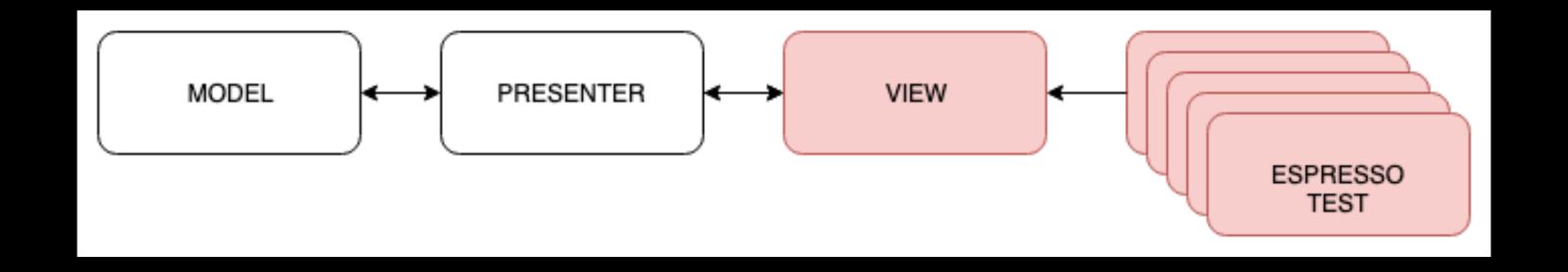
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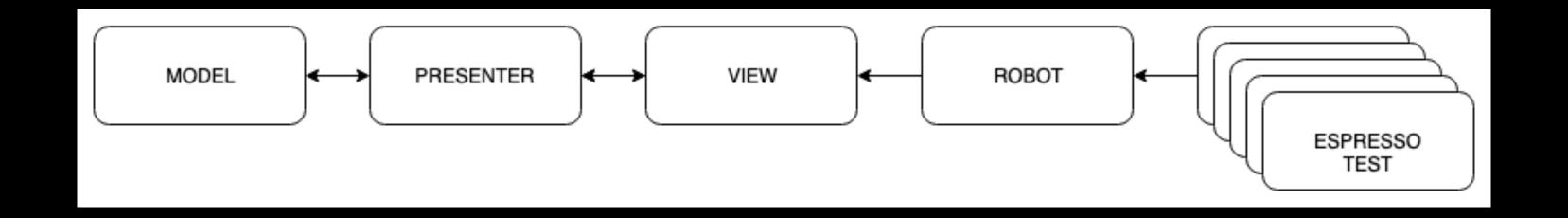
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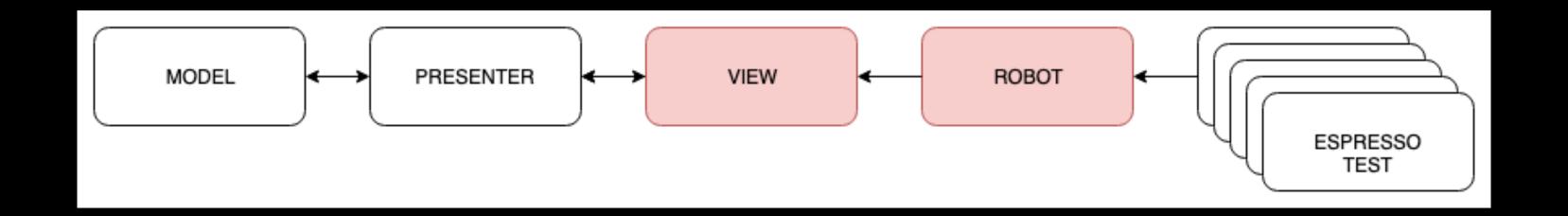
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Introducing Robots



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Let's Create A Robot

```
@Test
fun testSuccessfulRegistration() {
    RegistrationRobot()
            .firstName("Adam")
            .lastName("McNeilly")
            .email("adam@testing.com")
            .phone("1234567890")
            .register()
            .assertFullNameDisplay("Adam McNeilly")
            .assertEmailDisplay("adam@testing.com")
            .assertPhoneDisplay("(123)-456-7890")
```

Write your tests as if you're telling a Quality Assurance Engineer what to do.

Define ViewMatchers

```
class RegistrationRobot {
    companion object {
        private val FIRST_NAME_INPUT_MATCHER = withId(R.id.etFirstName)
        private val LAST_NAME_INPUT_MATCHER = withId(R.id.etLastName)
        private val EMAIL_INPUT_MATCHER = withId(R.id.etEmail)
        private val PHONE_INPUT_MATCHER = withId(R.id.etPhone)
        private val REGISTER_INPUT_MATCHER = withId(R.id.registerButton)
```

One Method For Each Action

```
class RegistrationRobot {
    fun firstName(firstName: String): RegistrationRobot {
        onView(FIRST_NAME_MATCHER).perform(clearText(), typeText(firstName), closeSoftKeyboard())
        return this
    }
    fun register(): RegistrationRobot {
        onView(REGISTER_INPUT_MATCHER).perform(click())
        return this
    }
}
```

One Method For Each Assertion

```
class RegistrationRobot {
    fun assertEmailDisplay(email: String) = apply {
        onView(EMAIL_DISPLAY_MATCHER).check(matches(withText(email)))
    fun assertEmailError(error: String) = apply {
        onView(EMAIL_INPUT_MATCHER).check(matches(hasErrorText(error)))
```

Implementation

```
@Test
fun testSuccessfulRegistration() {
    RegistrationRobot()
            .firstName("Adam")
            .lastName("McNeilly")
            .email("adam@testing.com")
            .phone("1234567890")
            .register()
```

Easy To Create Negative Test

```
@Test
fun testMissingEmailError() {
    RegistrationRobot()
            .firstName("Adam")
            .lastName("McNeilly")
            .phone("1234567890")
            .register()
            .assertEmailError("Must enter an email address.")
```

Work Some Kotlin Magic, If You Want

```
fun registration(func: RegistrationRobot.() -> Unit) = RegistrationRobot().apply(func)
// ...
@Test
fun testSuccessfulRegistrationWithOptIn() {
    registration {
        firstName("Adam")
        lastName("McNeilly")
        email("adam@testing.com")
        phone("1234567890")
        emailOptIn()
    }.register()
```

Best Practices

Leverage Them For Better Test Reporting

```
class RegistrationRobot {
    // Take a screenshot
    fun firstName(firstName: String) = apply {
        onView(FIRST_NAME_MATCHER).perform(clearText(), typeText(firstName), closeSoftKeyboard())
        takeScreenshot("entered_first_name")
    }
    // Log the step
    fun firstName(firstName: String) = apply {
        onView(FIRST_NAME_MATCHER).perform(clearText(), typeText(firstName), closeSoftKeyboard())
        Timber.d("Entering first name")
```

Use One Robot Per Screen

```
@Test
fun testSuccessfulRegistrationWithOptIn() {
    RegistrationRobot()
            .firstName("Adam")
            .lastName("McNeilly")
            .email("adam@testing.com")
            .phone("1234567890")
            .emailOptIn()
            .register()
    UserProfileRobot()
            .assertFullNameDisplay("Adam McNeilly")
            .assertEmailDisplay("adam@testing.com")
            .assertPhoneDisplay("(123)-456-7890")
            .assertOptedIn()
```

Don't Chain Robots

```
// Sounds reasonable...
fun register(): UserProfileRobot {
    onView(REGISTER_INPUT_MATCHER).perform(click())
    return UserProfileRobot()
// Unable to run negative tests now
@Test
fun testMissingEmailError() {
    RegistrationRobot()
            .register()
            .assertEmailError("Must enter an email address.") // Undefined Method
```

Don't Put Conditional Logic In Robot

```
// Sounds reasonable...
// But who tests the tests?
class UserProfileRobot {
    fun assertOptInStatus(optedIn: Boolean) = apply {
        val optInMatcher = if (optedIn) isChecked() else isNotChecked()
        onView(EMAIL_OPT_IN_DISPLAY_MATCHER).check(matches(optInMatcher))
    }
}
```

Use Separate Methods Instead

```
class UserProfileRobot {
    fun assertOptedIn() = apply {
        onView(EMAIL_OPT_IN_DISPLAY_MATCHER).check(matches(isChecked()))
    }

fun assertOptedOut() = apply {
        onView(EMAIL_OPT_IN_DISPLAY_MATCHER).check(matches(isNotChecked()))
    }
}
```

Unit Testing With Robots

ViewModel Example

```
class UserViewModel(
    private val repository: UserRepository
): ViewModel() {
    val state = MutableLiveData<NetworkState<User>>()
    fun fetchUser() {
        repository
            .fetchUser()
            .subscribe(
                { user ->
                    state.value = NetworkState.Loaded(user)
                },
                 error ->
                    state.value = NetworkState.Error(error)
```

You May Write Tests This Way

```
@Test
fun successfulFetch() {
    val mockRepository = mock(UserRepository::class.java)
    val sampleUser = User("Adam")
    whenever(mockRepository.fetchUser()).thenReturn(Single.just(sampleUser))
    val viewModel = UserViewModel(mockRepository)
    viewModel.fetchUser()
    val currentState = viewModel.state.testObserver().observedValue
    assertEquals(NetworkState.Loaded(sampleUser), currentState)
```

Create A Robot Here Too

```
class UserViewModelRobot {
    private val mockRepository = mock(UserRepository::class.java)
    private val viewModel = UserViewModel(mockRepository)
    fun mockUserResponse(user: User) = apply {
        val response = Single.just(user)
       whenever(mockRepository.fetchUser()).thenReturn(response)
    fun fetchUser() = apply {
        viewModel.fetchUser()
    fun assertState(expectedState: NetworkState<User>) = apply {
        val currentState = viewModel.state.testObserver().observedValue
        assertEquals(expectedState, currentState)
```

Implement Robot

```
class UserViewModelTest {
    private lateinit var testRobot: UserViewModelRobot
    @Before
    fun setUp() {
        // Robot should be specific to each test
        testRobot = UserViewModelRobot()
    @Test
    fun successfulFetch() {
        val sampleUser = User("Adam")
        testRobot
            .mockUserResponse(sampleUser)
            .fetchUser()
            .assertState(NetworkState.Loaded(sampleUser))
```

Easy To Add Error Test

```
class UserViewModelRobot {
    // ...
    fun mockUserError(error: Throwable?) = apply {
        val response = Single.error<User>(error)
        whenever(mockRepository.fetchUser()).thenReturn(response)
class UserViewModelTest {
   // ...
    @Test
    fun failureFetch() {
        val sampleError = Throwable("Whoops")
        testRobot
            .mockUserError(sampleError)
            .fetchUser()
            .assertState(NetworkState.Error(sampleError))
```

Let's See It In Action

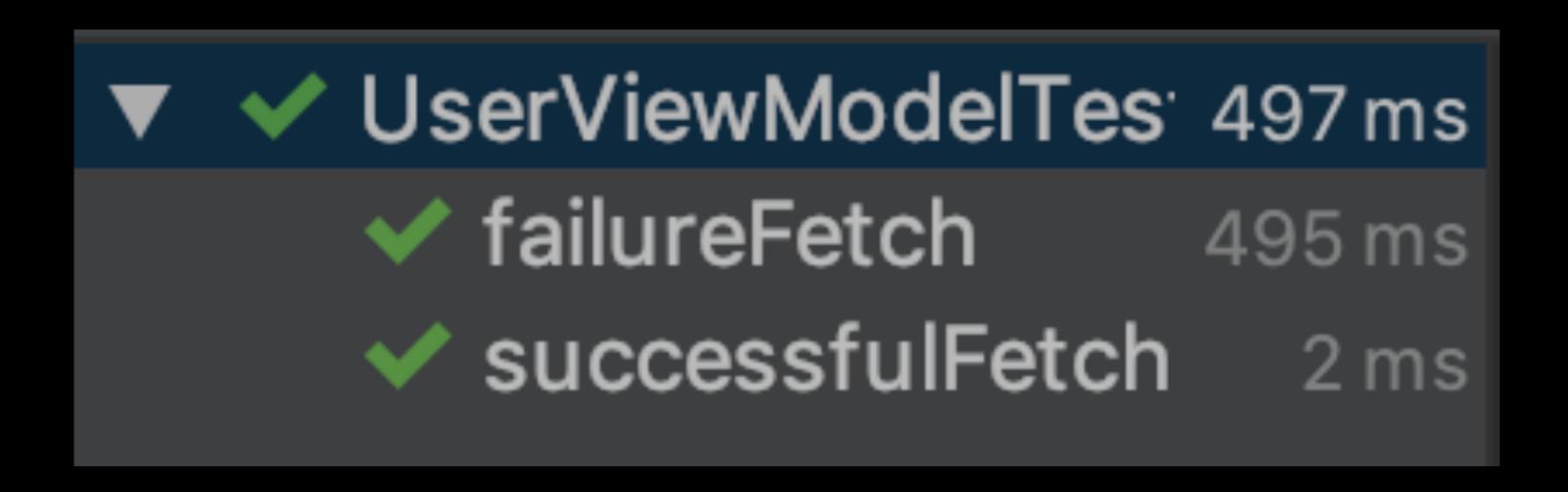
Update Our ViewModel

```
class UserViewModel(
    private val repository: UserRepository
): ViewModel() {
    // val state = MutableLiveData<NetworkState<User>>()
    val state: BehaviorSubject<NetworkState<User>> = BehaviorSubject.create()
}
```

Update One Robot Method

```
class UserViewModelRobot {
    fun assertState(expectedState: NetworkState<User>) = apply {
        // val currentState = viewModel.state.testObserver().observedValue
        val currentState = viewModel.state.value
        assertEquals(expectedState, currentState)
    }
}
```

Everything Is Passing Again



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