

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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- `click()`

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- `isLeftOf(Matcher)`
- `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() {
    onView(withId(R.id.etFirstName)).perform(typeText("Adam"))
    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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    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")))
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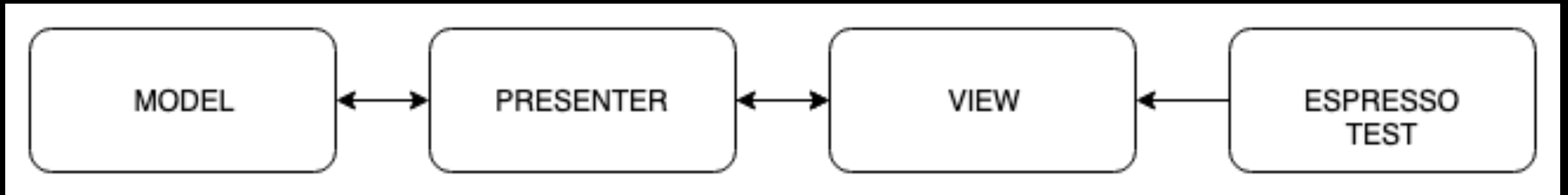
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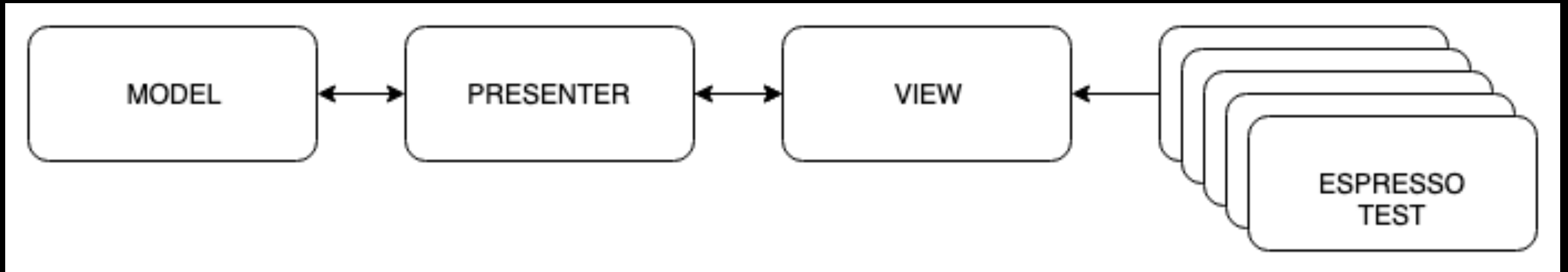
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- Difficult To Maintain - No Separation Of Concerns

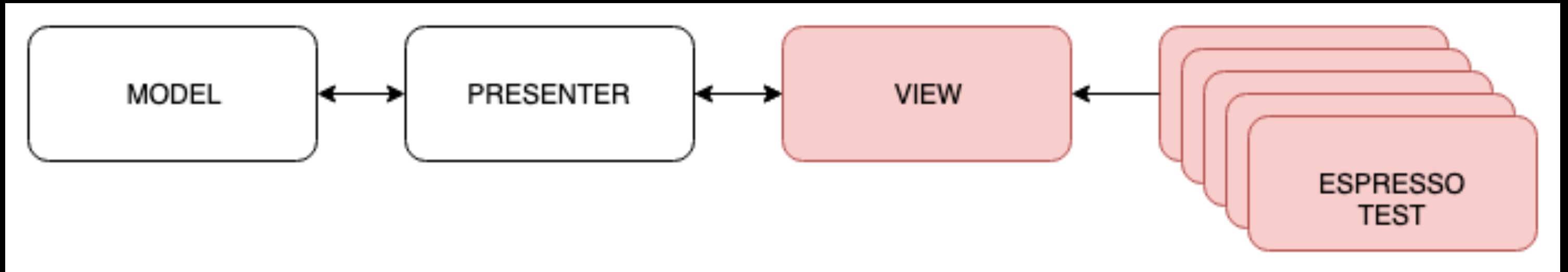
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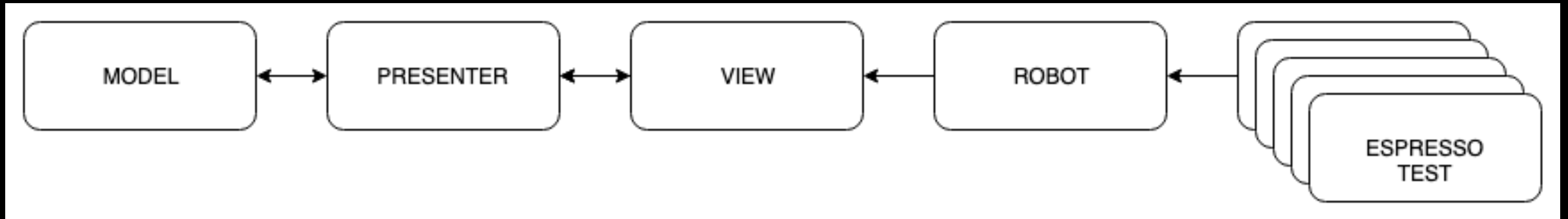
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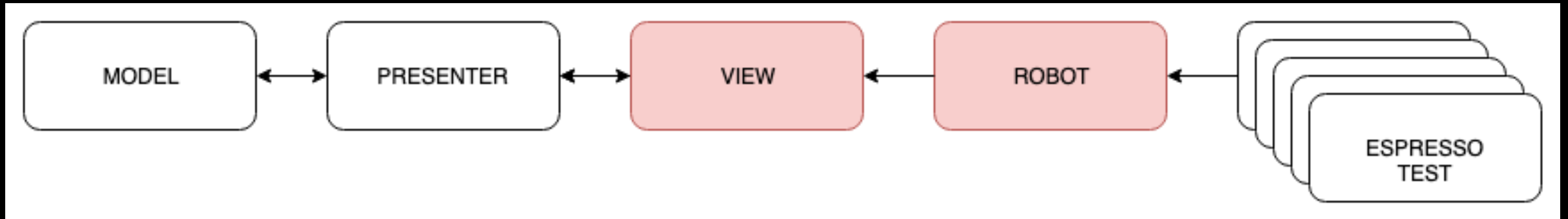
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Introducing Robots



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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

```
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        .firstName("Adam")
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        .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(spoon)  
        .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 isChecked()
        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()))  
    }  
}
```

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- This concept is not specific to Espresso