Using Kotlin Coroutines to tame Android Bluetooth® LE

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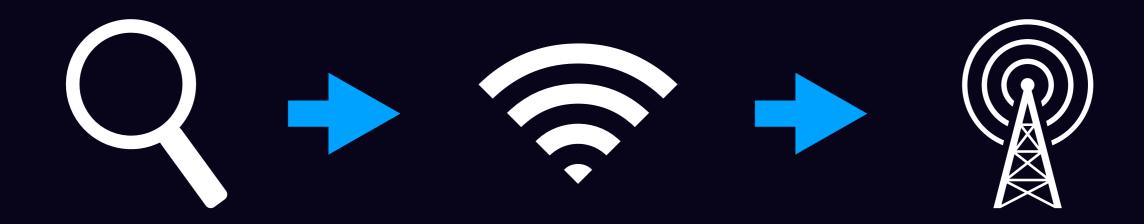


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Android Bluetooth Low Energy



Discover

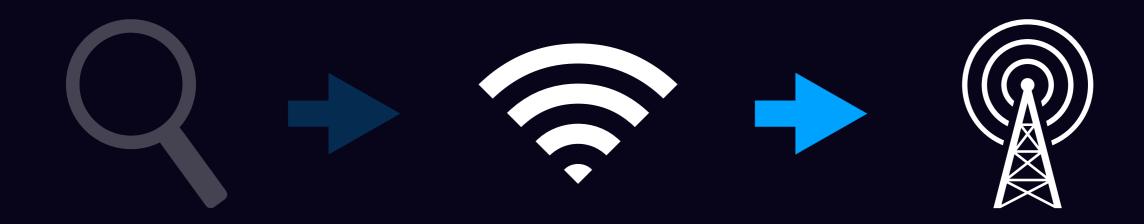
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ABLE

Classic Android BLE vs. ABLE

Classic	Able
Mutable	Immutable
Callbacks	Coroutines
Binder threads	Thread-safe
Integer-based states/status	Human readable error and status messages

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launch {
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launch {
    bluetoothDevice.connectGatt(context, false)
}
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launch {
  val result = bluetoothDevice.connectGatt(context, false)
  val gatt = when (result) {
    is Success -> result.gatt
    is Canceled -> TODO()
    is Failure -> TODO()
  }
}
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```
launch {
   val gatt = bluetoothDevice.connectGattOrThrow(context, false)
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Able: Android Bluetooth Low Energy

https://github.com/JuulLabs-OSS/able

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dependencies {
   implementation "com.juul.able:core:0.7.0"
   implementation "com.juul.able:throw:0.7.0"
   implementation "com.juul.able:processor:0.7.0"
   implementation "com.juul.able:timber-logger:0.7.0"
   implementation "com.juul.able:retry:0.7.0"
   implementation "com.juul.able:device:0.7.0"
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