1. **To Prevent the app from destroy when rotating the screen we use**

android:configChanges="orientation|screenSize|screenLayout|keyboardHidden"

we write this line inside the app **AndroidManifest.xml** file, inside each **activity** that we don’t want it to get destroyed when rotating.

1. **Alert Dialog: Shorter Way**:

Ex: AlertDialog.Builder(this)  
 .setTitle(“connectionStatus”)  
 .setPositiveButton("RETRY")**{**\_,\_ **->** recreate()**}** .show()

1. **onConfigurationChanged:** Used to **detect the screen rotating** and do a resize for UI element to fix the looks. Used outside the onCreate fun.

Ex: override fun onConfigurationChanged(newConfig: Configuration) {  
 super.onConfigurationChanged(newConfig)  
 if (newConfig.orientation === Configuration.*ORIENTATION\_LANDSCAPE*) {  
 display.setPadding(0,0,24,0)  
 display.*textSize* = 24f  
 }else if (newConfig.orientation===Configuration.*ORIENTATION\_PORTRAIT*){  
 display.setPadding(0,24,24,0)  
 display.*textSize* = 32f  
 }  
 }

1. **To prevent the screen rotating and Set the View to Fixed Orientation** for any activity file we write this line inside AndroidManifest.xml file inside each activity:

android:screenOrientation="portrait"  
android:turnScreenOn="false"

1. **Using the binding method** that we learned in recyclerView, in the **Main Class** to **Bind our variable with UI Elements** and **short our fidViewById**

Ex: override fun onCreate(savedInstanceState:Bundle?) {

super.onCreate(savedInstanceState)

**val binding = ActivityMainBinding.inflate(layoutInflater) 🡺 binding line**

binding.title.text = "Hello"

binding.subtext.text = "Concise, safe code"

binding.button.setOnClickListener { /\* ... \*/ }

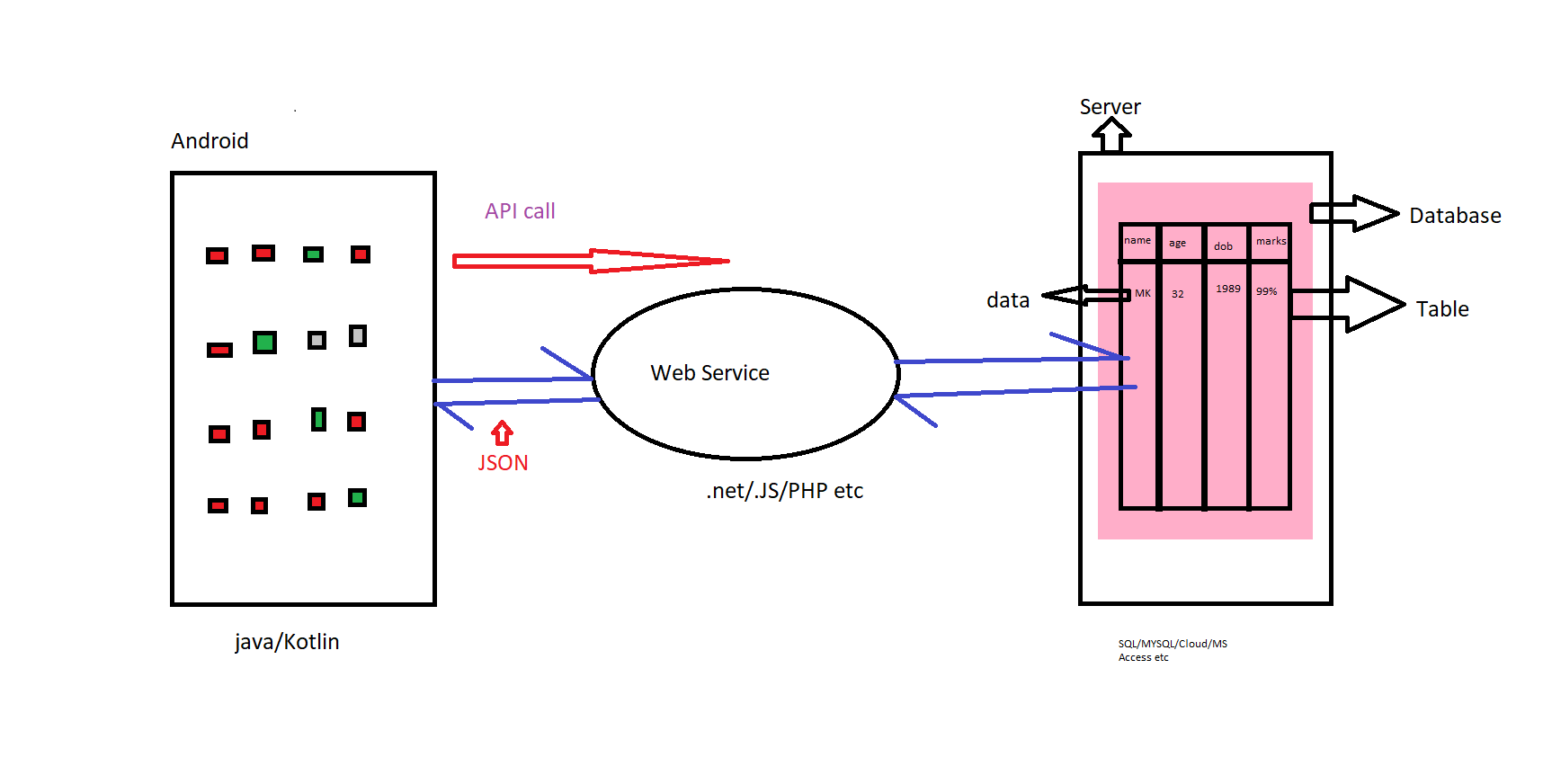
setContentView(binding.root) 🡺 needed to make it the active view on the screen

}

* Don’t forget to fix the **Gradle File**:

Int build.gradle file

android {  
    ...  
    buildFeatures {  
        viewBinding = true  
    }  
}

1. **API and JESON :**

**JSON** stands for Java Script Object Notion (JSON).

It is a data exchanging format between your Webservice and your Android app.

**JSON Syntax:** {“Key”: “Value”} Key will always be a string

Value can be a string, a number, an object, an Array! It can be anything. It is possible to have an object that contains multiple objects and arrays.

We refer to Objects as **JsonObject**

Arrays are called **JsonArrays**

**JsonObjects** are denoted with **Curly braces {}**

**JsonArrays** are denoted with **Curly square brackets []**

**Example JSON format data:**

{“Name”:”CodingDojo”} simple JSON example with value as single string

{ “Age”  : 26 } simple JSON example with value as single number

{“Details” : {“Name”:”CodingDojo”}  } simple JSON example with value as a single JsonObject

{“Users”: [

              {“Name”:”CodingDojo”} ,

              {“Name”:”CodingDojo”} ,

              {“Name”:”CodingDojo”}

              ]

} simple JSON example with value as JsonArray

**API** stands for Application Programming Interface. An API is a URL. if you call it, it is going to give the result in JSON format.

For example, this API <https://fcc-weather-api.glitch.me/api/current?lat=35&lon=139> gives weather data in JSON format.

1. **Add internet permission** in the AndroidManifest file above the <application> tag

<uses-permission android:name="android.permission.INTERNET"></uses-permission>

1. **Retrofit**: In order to work with **Retrofit**, let’s divide the steps in using Retrofit HttpClient.

* Add the dependencies in the dependency section

\*In the build.gradle file (Module level) you will have to add the following decencies:

implementation **'com.google.code.gson:gson:2.8.8'**

implementation **'com.squareup.retrofit2:retrofit:2.9.0'**

implementation **'com.squareup.retrofit2:converter-gson:2.9.0'**

implementation **'com.squareup.okhttp3:logging-interceptor:4.2.2'**

* Understand your result and based on that create a Model class, to hold data

Ex: class Prices{  
//this allows us to access the nested JSON object'eur'to get the price data  
 var eur: Currency? = null  
 class Currency{  
 // here we get individual price data  
 // we don't need serializers  
 var usd: String? = null  
 var aud: String? = null  
 }  
}

Note : **var eur: JsonObject?** = null 🡺 will call all the eur currency (no need to call one by one)

* Declare and initialize the Retrofit instance

Ex: class APIClient {  
 private var retrofit: Retrofit? = null  
 fun getClient(): Retrofit? {  
 retrofit = Retrofit.Builder()  
 .baseUrl("https://cdn.jsdelivr.net/gh/fawazahmed0/currency-api@1/latest/currencies/")  
 .addConverterFactory(GsonConverterFactory.create())  
 .build()  
 return retrofit }  
}

* Start getting data from Retrofit!

Ex: interface APIInterface {  
 @GET("eur.json")  
 fun getPrices(): Call<Prices>  
}

* Use the data in your Android app, in the Main Activity

val apiInterface = APIClient().getClient()?.create(APIInterface::class.*java*)  
// here we use the enqueue callback to make sure that we get the data before we update the Recycler View  
// enqueue gives us async functionality like coroutines   
apiInterface?.getPrices()?.enqueue(object: Callback<Prices>{  
 override fun onResponse(call: Call<Prices>, response: Response<Prices>){  
 try{

// once we get our data, we can update the prices Array List and use it to update the Recycler View  
 prices.add(response.body()!!.eur!!.usd!!)  
 prices.add(response.body()!!.eur!!.aud!!)  
 rvAdapter.notifyDataSetChanged()  
 }catch(e: Exception){ Log.d("MAIN", "ISSUE: $e") }  
 }  
 override fun onFailure(call: Call<Prices>, t: Throwable) {  
 Log.d("MAIN", "Unable to get data") }  
})

1. When we call variable as JsonObject we can use **.keySet()** to **get all keys** variable from JsonObject.

Ex:

val resource: ConvertDetails? = response.body()

val datumList = resource.eur  
if (datumList != null) {  
 val datum = datumList.keySet()

for (value in datum) {  
 listOfCovertsNO.add(datumList.get(value).toString().*toDouble*())  
 //Log.d("TAG","${datumList.get(value).toString().toDouble()}")  
 listOfCoverts.add(value)  
 }  
}

Note: we write the previous code inside the **onResponse** fun.

1. **Coroutines:** Getting all the data in the database will freeze the whole application until it finishes loading the data, such a situation might lead to a crash in the application.

To avoid this issue, **Coroutines** were introduced in Kotlin to produce a new way of writing code that can run in parallel to others. Coroutines can also be used to run heavy code in a way that doesn’t lock the main thread.

A Coroutine runs jobs in the background thread in an efficient way that will solve the time-consuming operations problem in the main thread

Copy the Dependency and paste it in the “build.gradle”:

dependencies {

implementation("org.jetbrains.kotlinx:kotlinx-coroutines-android:1.3.9")

}

To run time-consuming code in the background using Coroutines we need to define the context “Dispatchers” of the background work which can be (IO, Main, Default).

After defining the context, we can start our coroutines by creating its builder (Launch):

CoroutineScope(IO).launch {

}

We also have globalScope which will keep running as long as your application runs, And lifecycleScope which is bound to the Activity or Fragment lifecycle.

The time-consuming code will be written inside the two curly brackets.

Next, we will create a function which will be used and controlled by coroutines:

private suspend fun getResult(){

}

The suspend modifier is added to the function to define that it can be stopped/resumed by the Coroutines and it can only get called inside the Coroutines scope.

If we need to access views from within Coroutines then we need to change the context of the job to be in the main thread by using withContext(Main).

withContext(Main){

}

1. **Lambda** expressions are anonymous functions that can be passed as parameters, stored in variables, or returned as values.

Ex:

data class HighScore(val name: String, val score: Int)

fun main(){

// Lambda

val greeting = { println("Hello") }

greeting()

// Function

fun greetingFun(){

println("Hello")

}

greetingFun()

// Lambda

val personalGreeting = { name:String -> println("Hello $name") }

personalGreeting("Sam")

// Function

fun personalGreetingFun(name: String){

println("Hello $name")

}

personalGreetingFun("Sam")

// Lambda

val returnSum = { a: Int, b: Int -> a + b }

println(returnSum(4, 5))

// Function

fun returnSumFun(a: Int, b: Int): Int{

return a + b

}

println(returnSumFun(4, 5))

val highScores = listOf(

HighScore("Bob", 5000),

HighScore("Sara", 300),

HighScore("Jane", 7200),

HighScore("adfasfds", 900),

HighScore("Fred", 2300)

)

// Lambda

val highestScore = highScores.maxByOrNull { it.score } // it replaces highScores -> highScores.score

println("${highestScore!!.name} wins!")

// Function

fun highestScoreFun(): HighScore{

var hs = 0

var winner = highScores[0]

for(i in highScores){

if(i.score > hs){

hs = i.score

winner = i

}

}

return winner

}

println("${highestScoreFun().name} wins!")

}

1. **Checking the connection** in most of the Apps is crucial because it can give us the opportunity to decide when to start a network call or stop it.

First, we need to use Connectivity Manager which is a part of our Android system.

val cm = this.getSystemService(Context.CONNECTIVITY\_SERVICE) as ConnectivityManager

After creating the Connectivity Manager object we can access the features it holds, one of the features that Connectivity Manager has is returning the info about a connection.

val activeNetwork: NetworkInfo? = cm.activeNetworkInfo

Lastly, we can check the connection by using isConnectedOrConnecting which returns True if it is connected or connecting and false otherwise.

activeNetwork?.isConnectedOrConnecting

if (activeNetwork?.isConnectedOrConnecting == true) { //do something with the network }

else

{ println("Not Connected To The Internet") }

For further information about Connectivity Manager click [here](https://developer.android.com/reference/android/net/ConnectivityManager).

**Note:** Don’t forget to give permissions in Manifests file

<uses-permission android:name="android.permission.ACCESS\_NETWORK\_STATE"/>  
<uses-permission android:name="android.permission.INTERNET"/>

1. Examples of **3rd party libraries**:

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| [Android PullToRefresh](https://github.com/chrisbanes/Android-PullToRefresh) | [YouTube](https://github.com/PierfrancescoSoffritti/android-youtube-player)  To play youtube videos |
| [Nine Old Android](http://nineoldandroids.com/) | [Picasso](https://square.github.io/picasso/)  To download photos |
| [okHttp](http://square.github.io/okhttp/) | [Glide](https://github.com/bumptech/glide)  To download photos |
| [Volley](http://developer.android.com/training/volley/index.html) |  |
| [Google GSON](https://code.google.com/p/google-gson/) |  |
| [Retrofit](http://square.github.io/retrofit/) |  |
| [Picasso](http://square.github.io/picasso/#download) |  |
| [Universal Image Loader](https://github.com/nostra13/Android-Universal-Image-Loader) |  |
| [Room](https://developer.android.com/training/data-storage/room) |  |

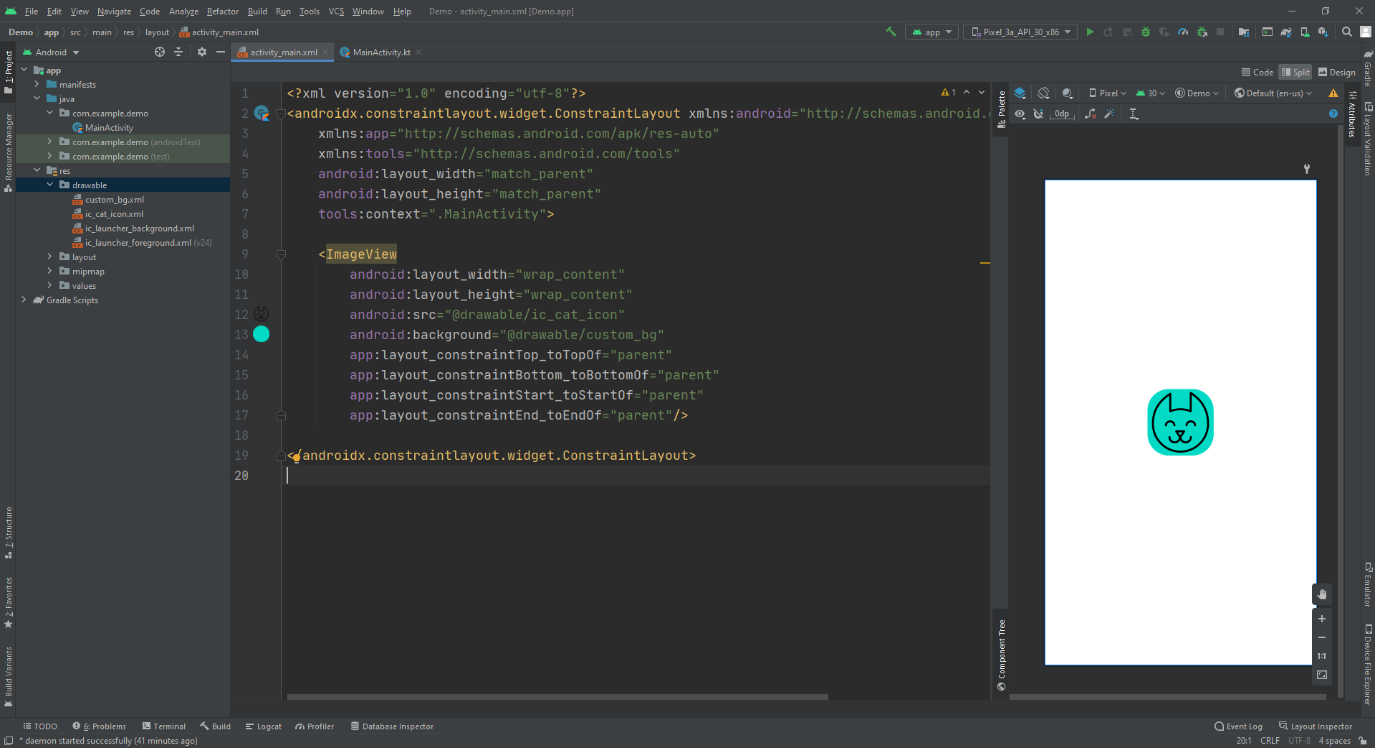
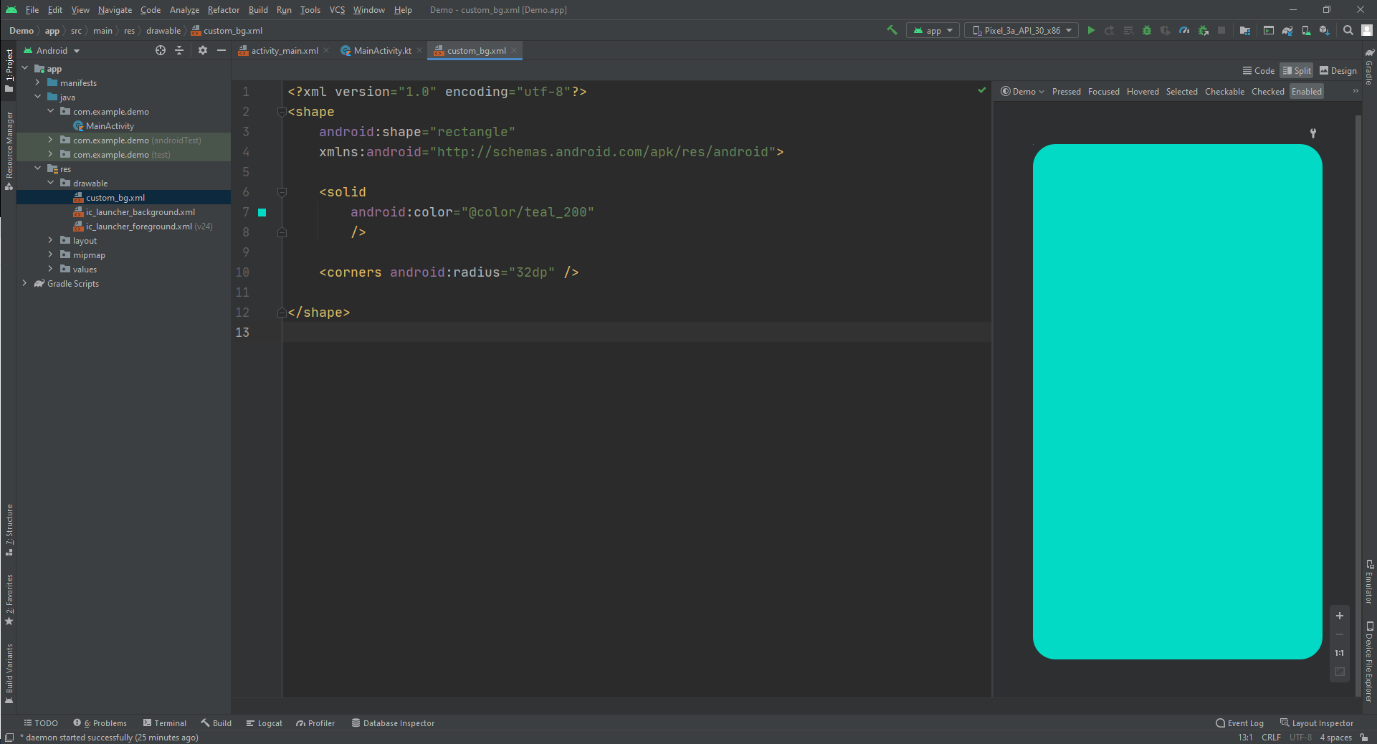
1. To **delete char from string** (**take middle part**) we use **substring** (starting point, end point)

Ex: Var String = “String”.substring(1,”String”.length-1) 🡺 String = “trin”

Ex: var s=”Hello World!”

s=s.substring(0,s.length-1) 🡺 **Deleting last char** 🡺 s=”Hello World”

1. We can use **custom Background** to create **rounded edges background**.

Ex: 

1. **Visibility**: we use **isVisable** to **hide or show out UI elements**.

Ex: EditText.isVisable = false 🡺 will hide the EditText variable

1. To make the **height take spaces by percent %** we write to our UI element in xml file:

app:layout\_constraintHeight\_default=”percent”

app:layout\_constraintHeight\_percent=”0.15”

* + This will make the Height takes only 15% from the screen
  + This helps to control the spaces when rotating

1. You can use **setOnClickListener** to any UI element.

Ex: TextView.seOnClickListener{ //do something }

ImageView.seOnClickListener{ //do something }

LineerLayout.setOnClickListener{ //do something }

1. **Spinner**: is type of UI elements to show data in scroll down list.

Ex: val array = *arrayListOf*("inr", "usd", "aud", "sar", "cny", "jpy")  
 var selected: Int = 0

val spinner = findViewById<Spinner>(R.id.*spinner*)

if (spinner != null) {  
 val adapter = ArrayAdapter(  
 this,  
 android.R.layout.*simple\_spinner\_item*, array  
 )  
 spinner.*adapter* = adapter  
  
 spinner.*onItemSelectedListener* = object :  
 AdapterView.OnItemSelectedListener {  
 override fun onItemSelected(  
 parent: AdapterView<\*>,  
 view: View, position: Int, id: Long  
 ) {  
 selected = position  
 }  
 override fun onNothingSelected(parent: AdapterView<\*>) {  
 // write code to perform some action  
 }  
 }  
}

1. To **check if the String has number** we use **contain**

Ex: for(i in 0..9){  
 if(text.*contains*(i.toString())){  
 return true  
 }  
}

1. To check **if String has Special** **Char** we use **contain**

Ex: val specialCharacters = "!@#$%"  
for(special in specialCharacters){  
 if(text.*contains*(special)){  
 return true  
 }  
}

1. To **check if String has Upper Letter**:

Ex: var letter = 'A'  
while (letter <= 'Z') {  
 for (i in text)  
 if(i == letter){  
 return true  
 }  
 ++letter  
}

1. To make **first letter Upper case** whatever the user enter we use **capitalize()**

Ex: var String = String.capitalize()

**POST Requests**

The two most common API calls we make to communicate with the server are GET and POST.

GET is used to retrieve data from the API, while POST is used to pass some parameters to the server.

We make POST requests with the help of a network library, such as Retrofit or Volley.

We will use Retrofit because it is the most commonly used library.

In our example, we will pretend that we are adding a new book to a library API.

First we need to create the book class:

Then, we add the POST request to our API Interface:

Finally, we make the API call and pass and instance of the Book class:

DiffUtil is a utility class that is present inside [androidx.recyclerview.widget.DiffUtil](https://developer.android.com/reference/kotlin/androidx/recyclerview/widget/DiffUtil" \t "_blank) .

The main purpose of using DiffUtill is to identify the changes made in an existing list.  This allows us to only make changes when there is data that needs updating. This is the way DiffUtil increases the efficiency and performance of a RecyclewView.

Let’s take a real time example, consider you have a list that is used to load data to a RecyclewView.  This list contains over 10,000 student names and their information.

There is a single new student enrolled in your college. In this scenario you will add the new data to the list. But when you are adding the updated list to the RecyclewView again you have to reload all the 10,001 data to the RecyclewView. This is where diffUtil can make a huge difference. Instead updating all existing data, we can simply add the new student without making any changes to the others.

DiffUitil is not always necessary, but it can make a big difference with large data sets.

DiffUtil uses Eugene W. Myers's difference algorithm to calculate the minimal number of updates to the existing list.

Visit the following site for more information: <https://developer.android.com/reference/kotlin/androidx/recyclerview/widget/DiffUtil>

You can show loading message dialog to the user when loading something using:

val progressDialog = ProgressDialog(this@MainActivity)  
progressDialog.setMessage("Please wait")  
progressDialog.show()

and when the process finish you can delete it by using:

progressDialog.dismiss()

val x by lazy { className() }

this is a way to initialize new class and save it in variable, what lazy do is: if the class has init fun (function will run auto when class is initialize), and that variable that saved the class never used this will prevent the init fun from running

Intent: already explained in KotlinReference1 but this is Extra:

we can send data between activities using Intent.

Ex: in the MainActivity, here I sent data from 2D array

val intent = Intent(this@MainActivity, ShowRecipe::class.*java*)

intent.putExtra("title", informationList[position][0])  
intent.putExtra("author", informationList[position][1])  
intent.putExtra("ingredients", informationList[position][2])  
intent.putExtra("instructions", informationList[position][3])  
startActivity(intent)

sent to ShowRecipe class, and to get data in ShowRecipe class, and print them in TextView:

private lateinit var bundle: Bundle

//Outside The onCreate

bundle= *intent*.*extras*!!

titleTV.*text*= "Recipe Name: ${bundle.getString("title")!!}"  
authorTV.*text*= "Author Name: ${bundle.getString("author")!!}"  
ingredientsTV.*text*= "Ingredients:\n\n${bundle.getString("ingredients")!!}"  
instructionsTV.*text*=

"Instructions:\n\n${bundle.getString("instructions")!!}"

We can change the EditText to be able to take Multi Lines entry from the user:

Ex: in XML file:

android:inputType="textMultiLine"

we can hide ActionBar(title bar) from the screen by add this them inside the Activity class that we want to hide the action bar, inside Manifest file:

android:theme="@style/Theme.MaterialComponents.DayNight.NoActionBar"

Note: you can create custom them inside the themes.xml file and add to the activity in the Manifest file