

Web development in Kotlin

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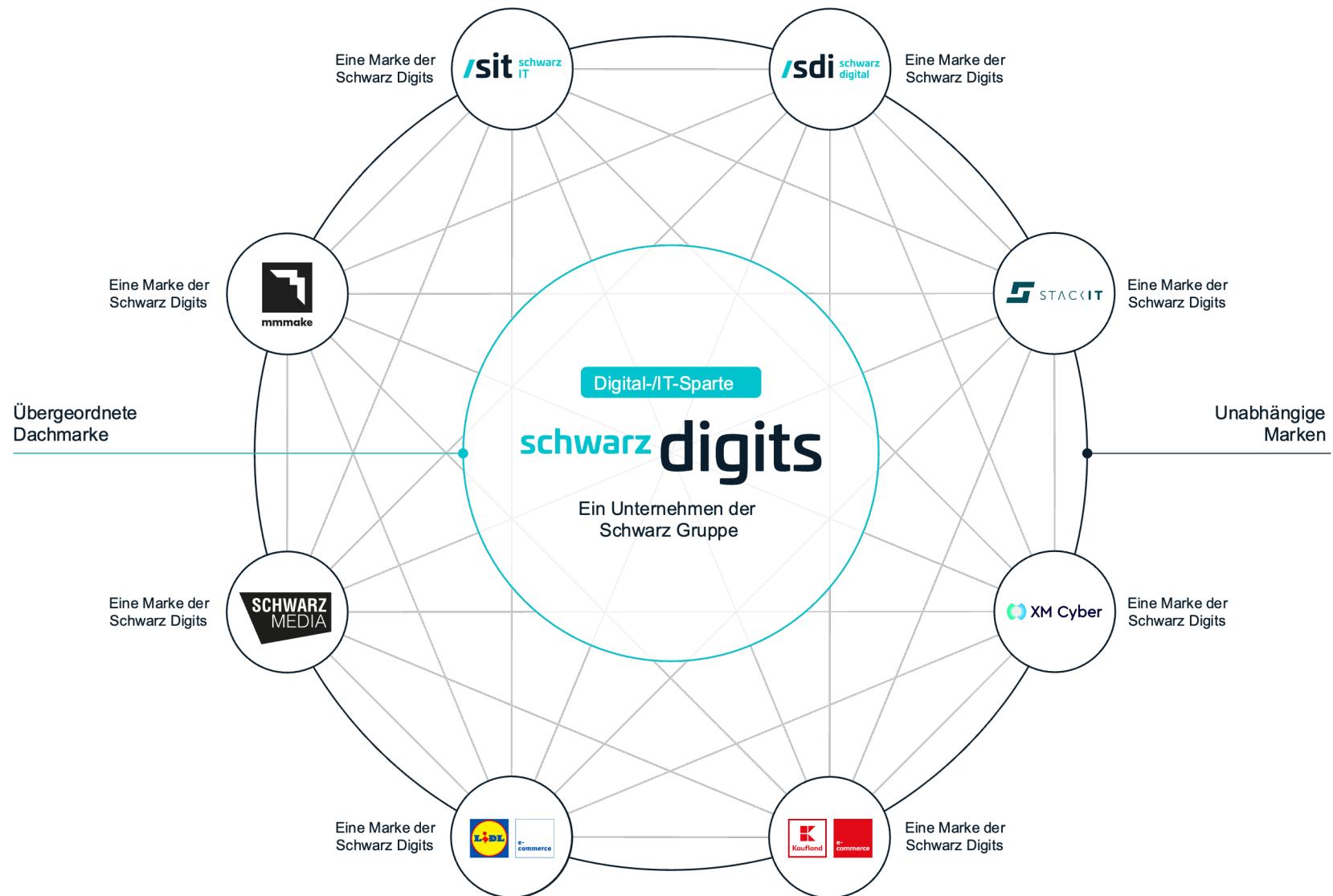
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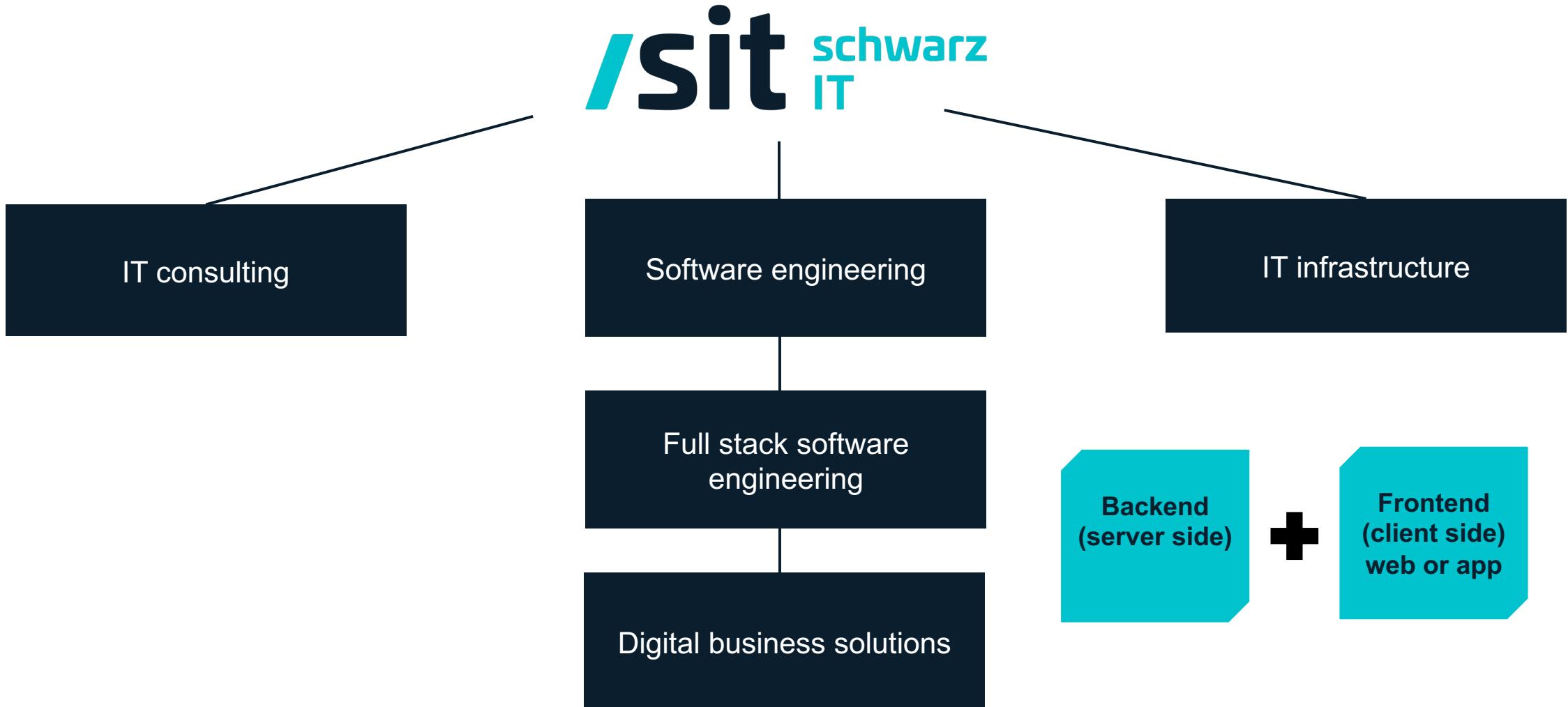
Introduction

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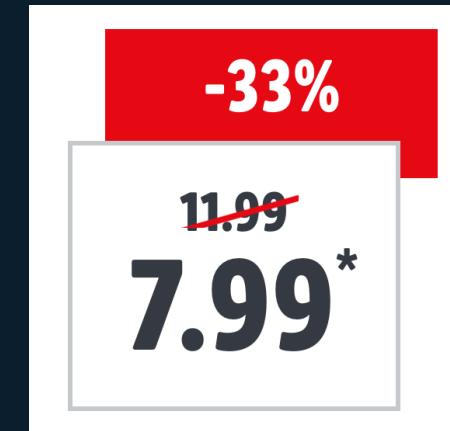
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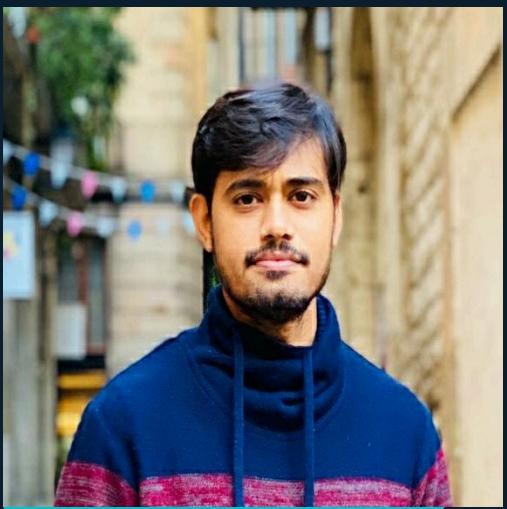
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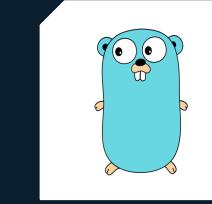


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Introduction: You!

- **How long have you been at 42 / TUM Heilbronn?**
- **With which technologies / programming languages do you have experience?**
- **What do you hope to learn in this workshop?**

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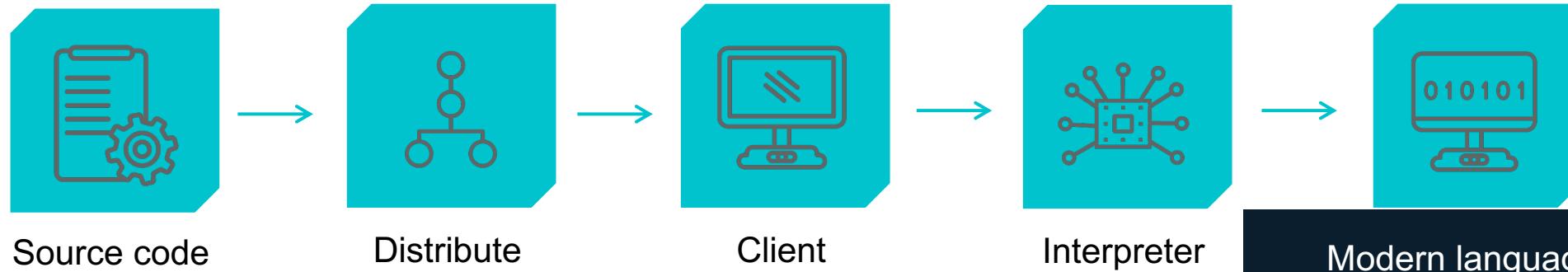
About Kotlin

Compiled and interpreted languages

Compiled languages

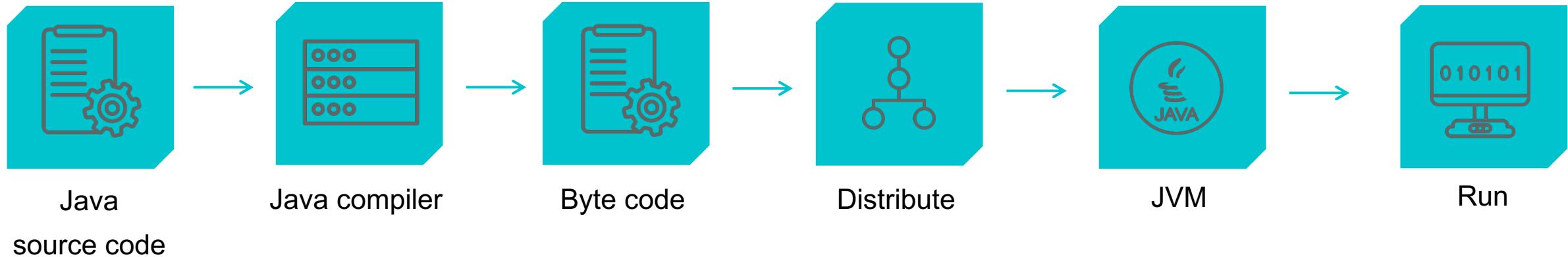


Interpreted languages



JIT compilation

Java and the Java virtual machine (JVM)



- Originally released in 1996
- The most popular programming language of the last 25 years [1]
 - Business sector
 - Android
- Failed attempts to replace it: Groovy, Scala, ...
- Dropping popularity in the last few years:
 - JavaScript/TypeScript, Python
 - **Kotlin**

[1] <https://www.tiobe.com/tiobe-index/>

 HelloWorld.java

```
1 public class HelloWorld {  
2     public static void main(String[] args) {  
3         System.out.println("Hello, World!");  
4     }  
5 }
```



A screenshot of a Java code editor window titled "HelloWorld.kt". The window has a dark background and a light gray header bar. The code editor area contains the following Java code:

```
1 fun main() {  
2     println("Hello, world!")  
3 }
```

Kotlin

2010: Start of development

2011: Public announcement by JetBrains

2012: Open source'd (Apache license)

2016: First stable release

2017: Kotlin Multiplatform beta

2019: Declared by Google as preferred language for Android apps

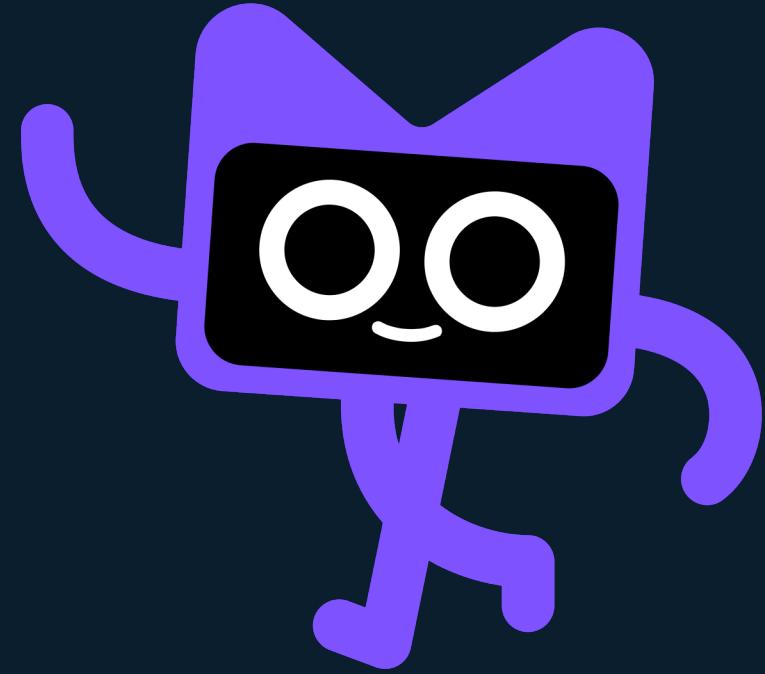
2023: Kotlin Multiplatform stable

2024: Kotlin 2.0



Why Kotlin?

- Less verbose
- Full Java interoperability
- Null-safety
- Declarative programming



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Programming paradigms

Imperative programming

Structured programming

Procedural programming

Object-oriented programming

...

Declarative programming

Functional programming

...

 SquaresImperative.kt

```
1 val squares = mutableListOf<Int>()
2
3 for (i in 0..100) {
4     squares.add(i * i)
5 }
6
7 return squares
```

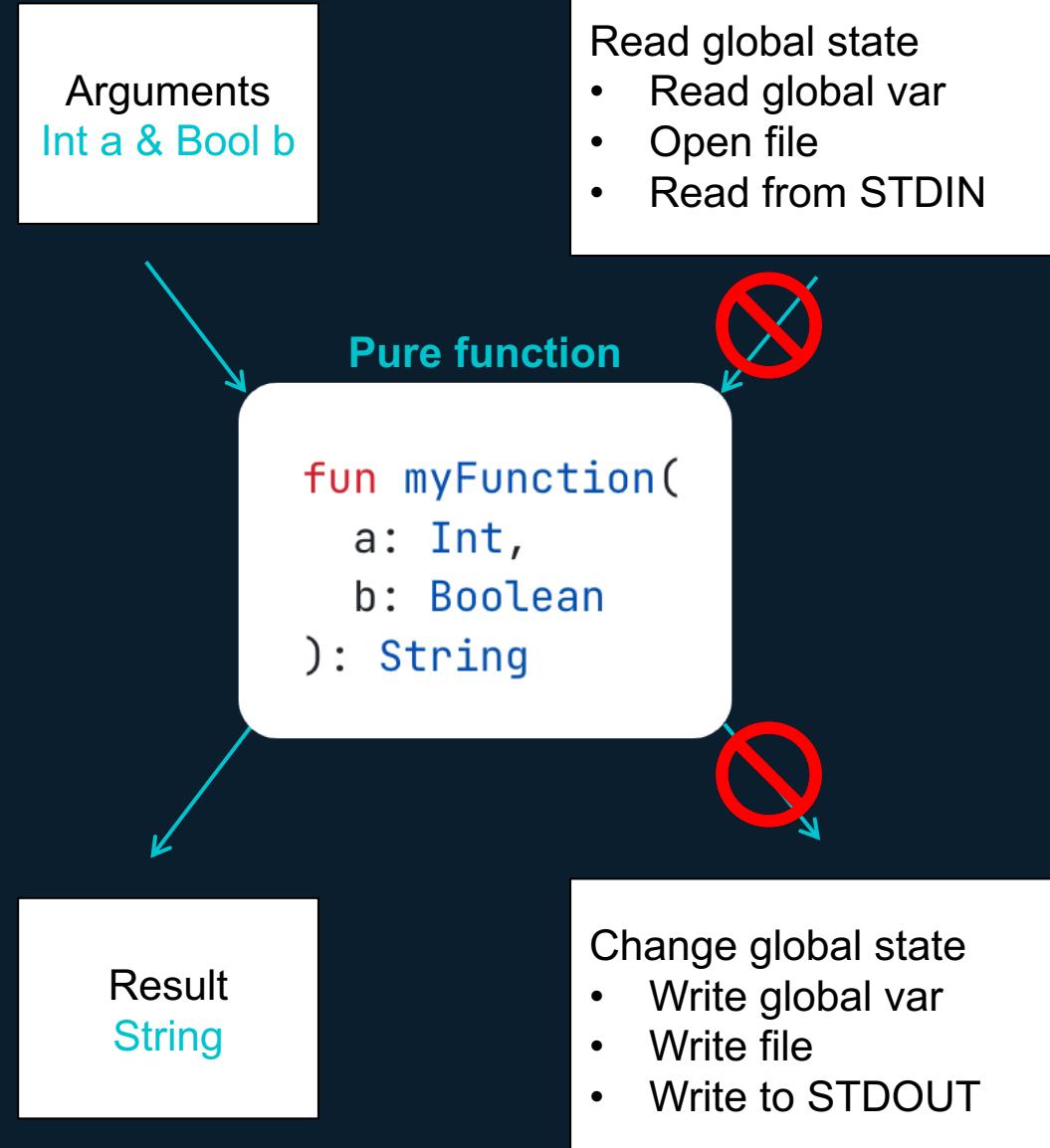
 SquaresDeclarative.kt

```
1 val allNumbers = generateSequence(0) { it + 1 }
2
3 val allSquares = allNumbers.map { it * it }
4
5 val firstSquares = allSquares.take(100)
6
7 return firstSquares.toList()
```

Declarative programming

- Telling the computer **what to do**, not **how to do it**
- Focus on **immutability**
- Functional programming with **pure functions**
- Higher-order functions

Makes code easier to **read, test, debug, maintain**



Kotlin setup check



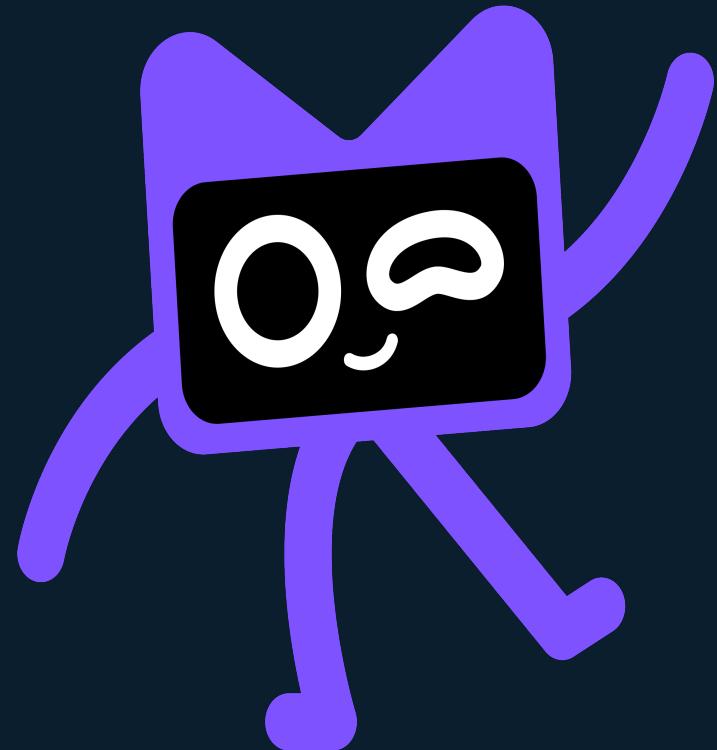
<https://github.com/SIT-Kotlin-Workshop>

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Morning session

Basic syntax overview

- If-Then
- When
- For Loop
- While Loop
- Functions
 - With body
 - With expression



If-Else

```
1 val number = 5
2 val result = if (number > 3) {
3     "Greater"
4 } else {
5     "Lesser"
6 }
```

When

```
1 val x = 1
2 when (x) {
3     1 → println("One")
4     2 → println("Two")
5     else → println("Other")
6 }
```

For

```
1 val names = listOf("Sebastian", "Suman")
2
3 for (name in names) {
4     println("Hello, $name")
5 }
```

While

```
1 var timeLeft = 10
2 while (timeLeft > 0) {
3     println("Time Left: $timeLeft seconds")
4     timeLeft--
5 }
6 println("Time's up!")
```

Function with body

```
1 fun calculateDiscount(  
2     price: Double,  
3     discountRate: Double  
4 ): Double {  
5     val discountAmount = price * discountRate / 100  
6     return price - discountAmount  
7 }
```

Function as expression

```
1 fun calculateDiscount(  
2     price: Double,  
3     discountRate: Double  
4 ): Double =  
5     price - (price * discountRate / 100)
```

Basic syntax

Exercises

Immutable data in Kotlin

- **Immutable:** Whose state cannot be modified after they are created
- **Mutable vs Immutable**
 - Mutable `var`
 - Immutable `val`
- `val` keyword used to declare read only variables
- Lists, Sets and Maps can be immutable while using collections
- **Data classes:** Simplifies the creation of immutable classes with automatic `equals()`, `hashcode()`, `toString()`, and `copy()`

Immutable

```
1 val immutableString: String = "Immutable"  
2 immutableString = "Mutable" // Error
```

Immutable list

```
1 val immutableList = listOf("A", "B", "C")  
2 immutableList.add("D") // Error: Unresolved reference: add
```

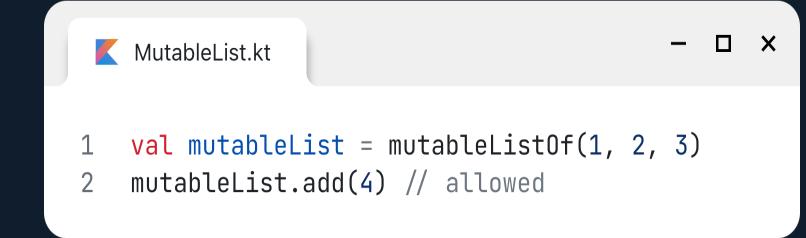
Immutable class

```
1 data class MyClass(val primary: String)  
2 val immutable = MyClass("Hello")  
3 immutable.primary = "World" // Error
```

```
1 val updatedString = immutable.copy(primary = "World")
```

Mutability and references

- **Mutability of references**



MutableList.kt

```
1 val mutableList = mutableListOf(1, 2, 3)
2 mutableList.add(4) // allowed
```

- **Mutability of contents**



ImmutableList.kt

```
1 var immutableList = listOf(1, 2, 3)
2 immutableList.add(4) // not allowed
3 immutableList = listOf(4) // allowed
```

Immutable Data

Exercises

Nullability

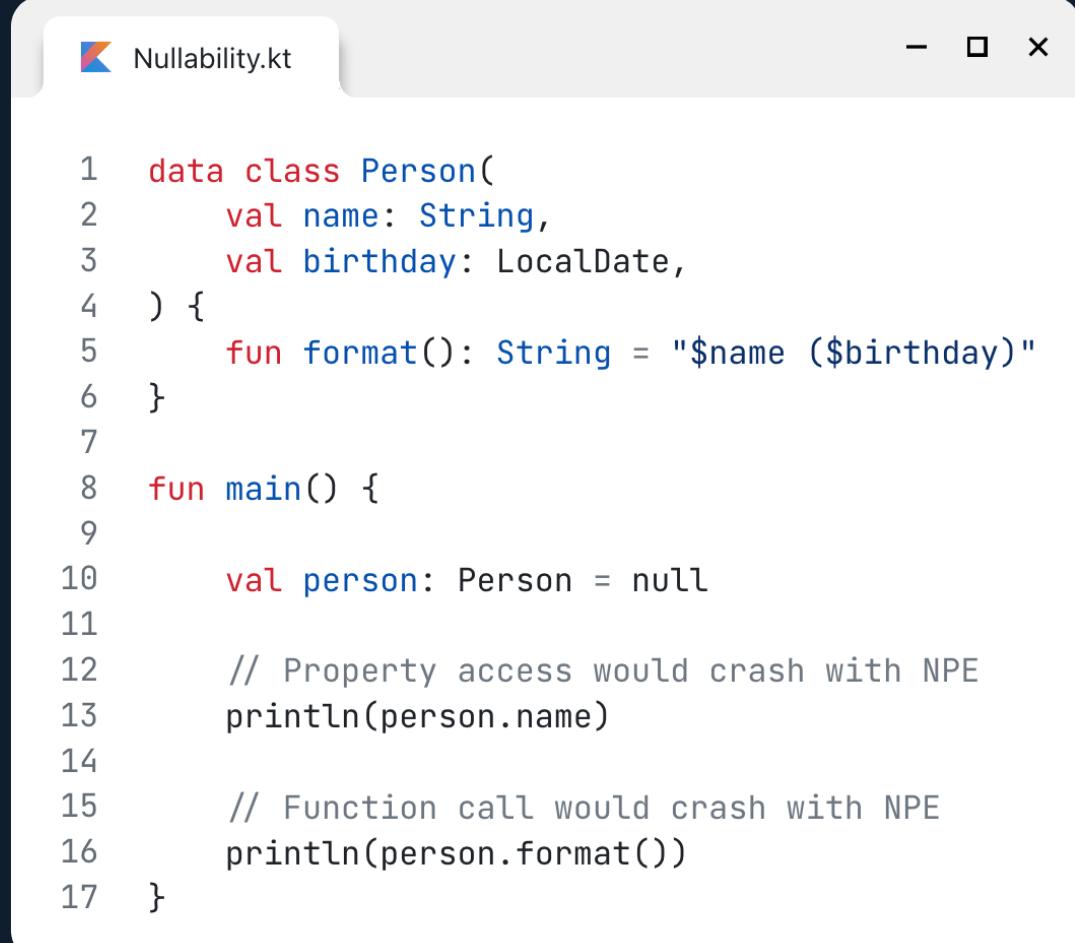
In Java and other languages, the special value `null` is allowed for (almost) all types.

It can mean

- `not initialized`
- `undefined / not provided` (as an argument of a function)
- `error` (as a return value of a function)
- ...

Problems:

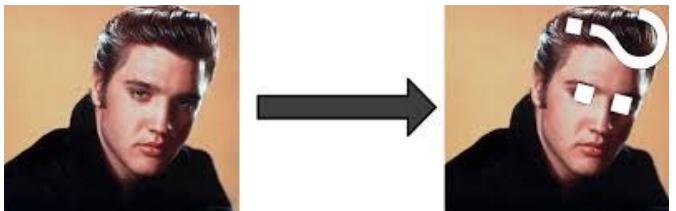
- Don't know which of the above
- Don't know when objects are null
- Accessing null crashes with `NPE` (`NullPointerException`)



```
1 data class Person(
2     val name: String,
3     val birthday: LocalDate,
4 ) {
5     fun format(): String = "$name ($birthday)"
6 }
7
8 fun main() {
9
10    val person: Person = null
11
12    // Property access would crash with NPE
13    println(person.name)
14
15    // Function call would crash with NPE
16    println(person.format())
17 }
```

Null safety

- In Kotlin, `null` is only allowed as value for nullable types of shape `Type?`
- Compiler enforces that no NPEs happen at runtime
- **Safe navigation ?:**
 - only call property / function if object is not null
- **Elvis operator ?:**
 - Take alternative when object is null
- Smart casting



```
	Null safety.kt - □ ×  
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27  
1 data class Company(  
2     val companyName: String,  
3     val numberOfEmployees: Int,  
4 )  
5  
6 data class Worker(  
7     val name: String,  
8     val company: Company,  
9 )  
10  
11 private fun main() {  
12     // val worker : Worker = null  
13     val worker: Worker? = null  
14  
15     // println(worker.name)  
16  
17     println(worker?.name)  
18     println(worker?.company?.companyName)  
19  
20     println(worker?.name ?: "Unknown")  
21  
22     if (worker != null) {  
23         println(worker.name)  
24     }  
25 }
```

Nullability

Exercises

Functional programming

▪ Functions as First-Class citizens

- Functions can be assigned to variables, passed as arguments, and returned from other functions

▪ Higher-order Functions

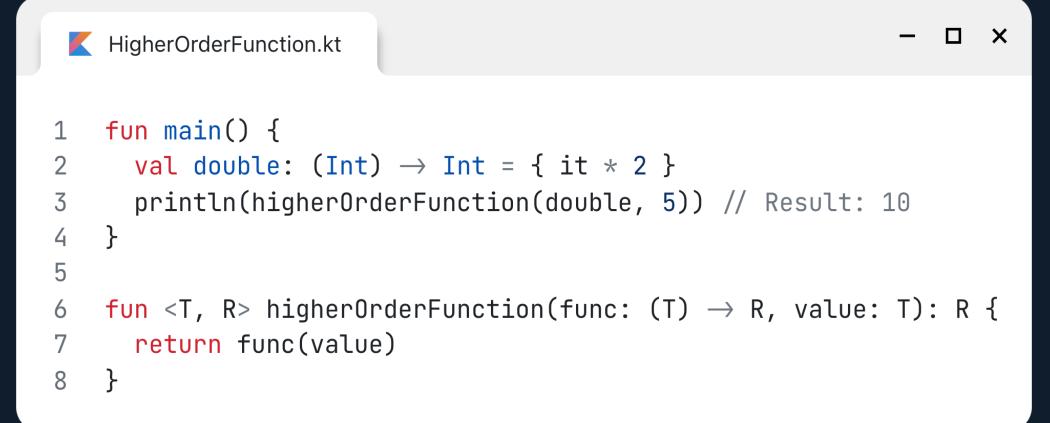
- Functions that take other functions as parameters or return them
- Common Higher-Order functions `map`, `filter`, `fold`, `reduce`

▪ Lambdas

- Anonymous functions that can be treated as values

```
1 val greet: (String) → String = { name → "Hello, $name" }
2 println(greet("World")) // Output: Hello, World
```

```
1 fun <T, R> higherOrderFunction(func: (T) → R, value: T): R {
2     return func(value)
3 }
```



```
HigherOrderFunction.kt - x
1 fun main() {
2     val double: (Int) → Int = { it * 2 }
3     println(higherOrderFunction(double, 5)) // Result: 10
4 }
5
6 fun <T, R> higherOrderFunction(func: (T) → R, value: T): R {
7     return func(value)
8 }
```

Functional Programming

Exercises

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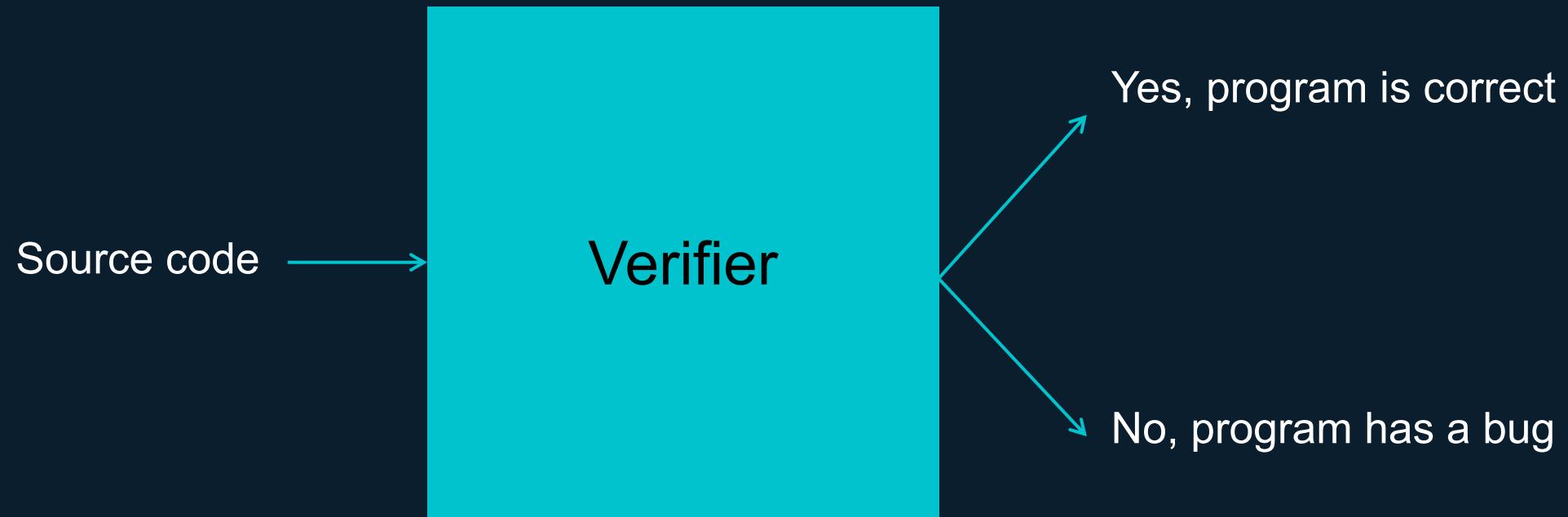
Lunch break + Q&A

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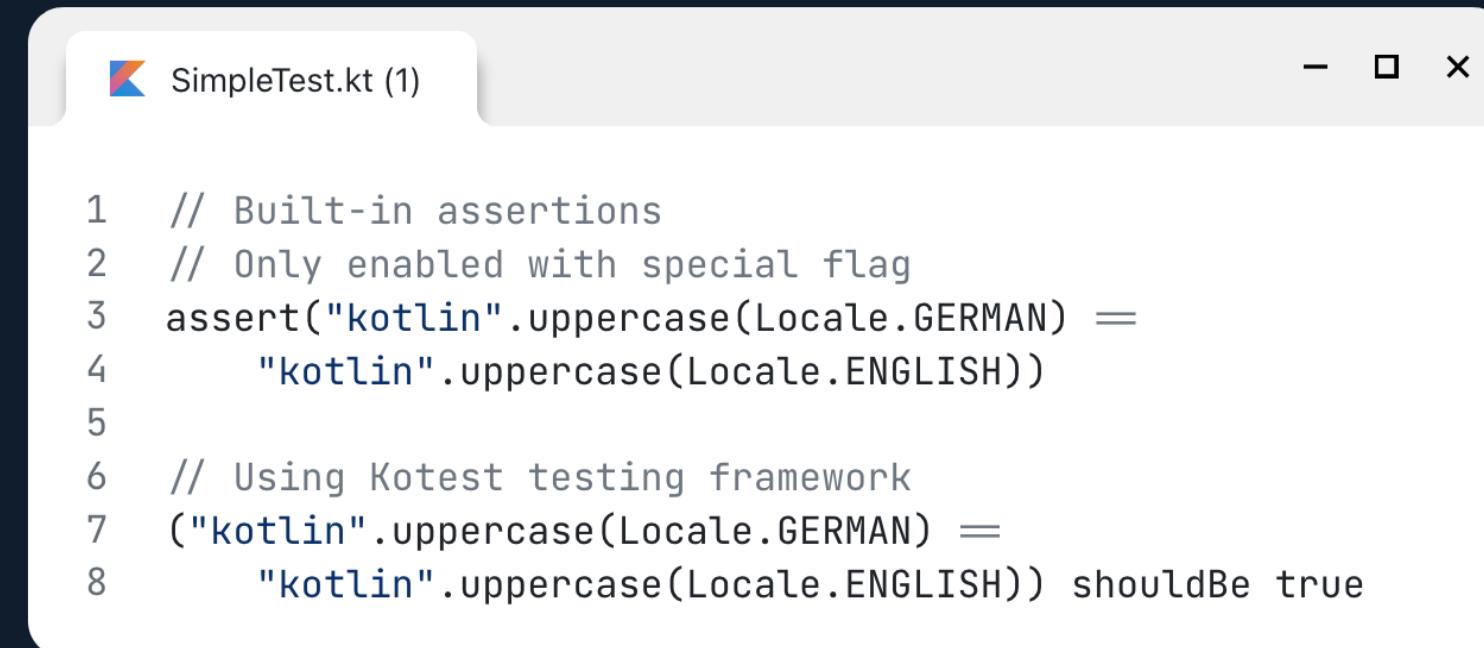
Afternoon session

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Testing







The image shows a screenshot of a code editor window titled "SimpleTest.kt (1)". The window has a light gray header bar with a close button on the right. The main area contains two snippets of Kotlin code. The first snippet uses built-in assertions:

```
1 // Built-in assertions
2 // Only enabled with special flag
3 assert("kotlin".uppercase(Locale.GERMAN) =
4     "kotlin".uppercase(Locale.ENGLISH))
5
6 // Using Kotest testing framework
7 ("kotlin".uppercase(Locale.GERMAN) =
8     "kotlin".uppercase(Locale.ENGLISH)) shouldBe true
```

 SimpleTest.kt (2)

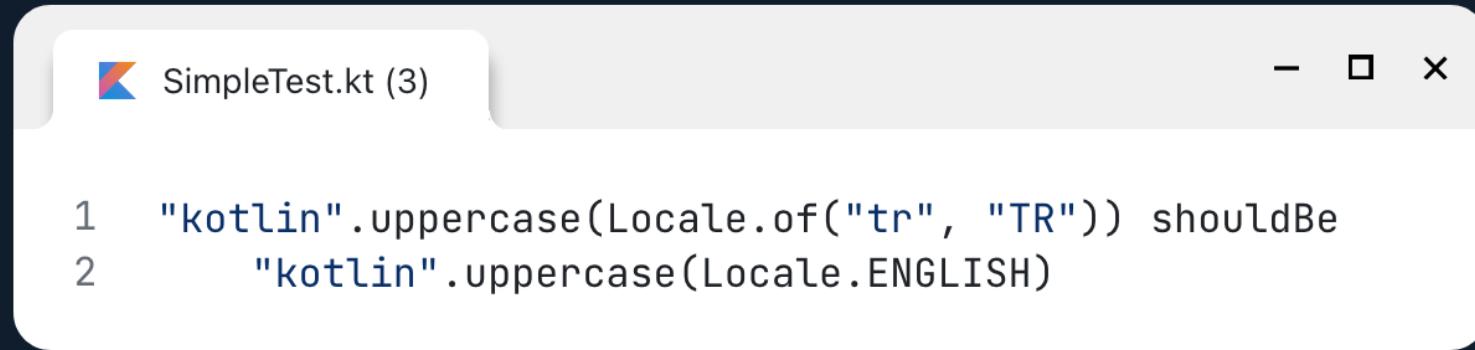
```
1  (
2      "kotlin".uppercase(Locale.of("tr", "TR")) =
3          "kotlin".uppercase(Locale.ENGLISH)
4  ) shouldBe true
```

```
18
19     @Test new *
20 ▶ `simple assert - false`() {
21     ("kotlin".uppercase(Locale.of(language: "tr", country: "TR")) == "kotlin".uppercase(Locale.ENGLISH)) shouldBe true
22 }
```

✗ Stopped. Tests failed: 1, ignored: 6 of 7 tests – 21 ms

expected:<true> but was:<false>
Expected :true
Actual :false
[<Click to see difference>](#)

```
io.kotest.assertions.AssertionFailedError: expected:<true> but was:<false>
>      at schwarz.it.kotlin.workshop.basic.testing.SimpleTest.simple assert - false(SimpleTest.kt:21) <2 internal lines>
```



A screenshot of a code editor window titled "SimpleTest.kt (3)". The window has a light gray header bar with a close button (-) and a standard window control icon (□). The main content area shows the following code:

```
1 "kotlin".uppercase(Locale.of("tr", "TR")) shouldBe
2     "kotlin".uppercase(Locale.ENGLISH)
```

```
23  
24 @Test new *  
25 ▶ v fun `better assert - false`() {  
26     "kotlin".uppercase(Locale.of(language: "tr", country: "TR")) shouldBe "kotlin".uppercase(Locale.ENGLISH)  
27 }  
28
```

✗ Stopped. Tests failed: 1, ignored: 6 of 7 tests – 31 ms

```
/Users/muskalla/Library/Java/JavaVirtualMachines/corretto-21.0.3/Contents/Home/bin/java ...
```

```
Testing started at 16:05 ...
```

```
expected:<"KOTLIN"> but was:<"KOTLİN">
```

```
Expected :"KOTLIN"
```

```
Actual   :"KOTLİN"
```

```
<Click to see difference>
```

```
io.kotest.assertions.AssertionFailedError: expected:<"KOTLIN"> but was:<"KOTLİN">
```

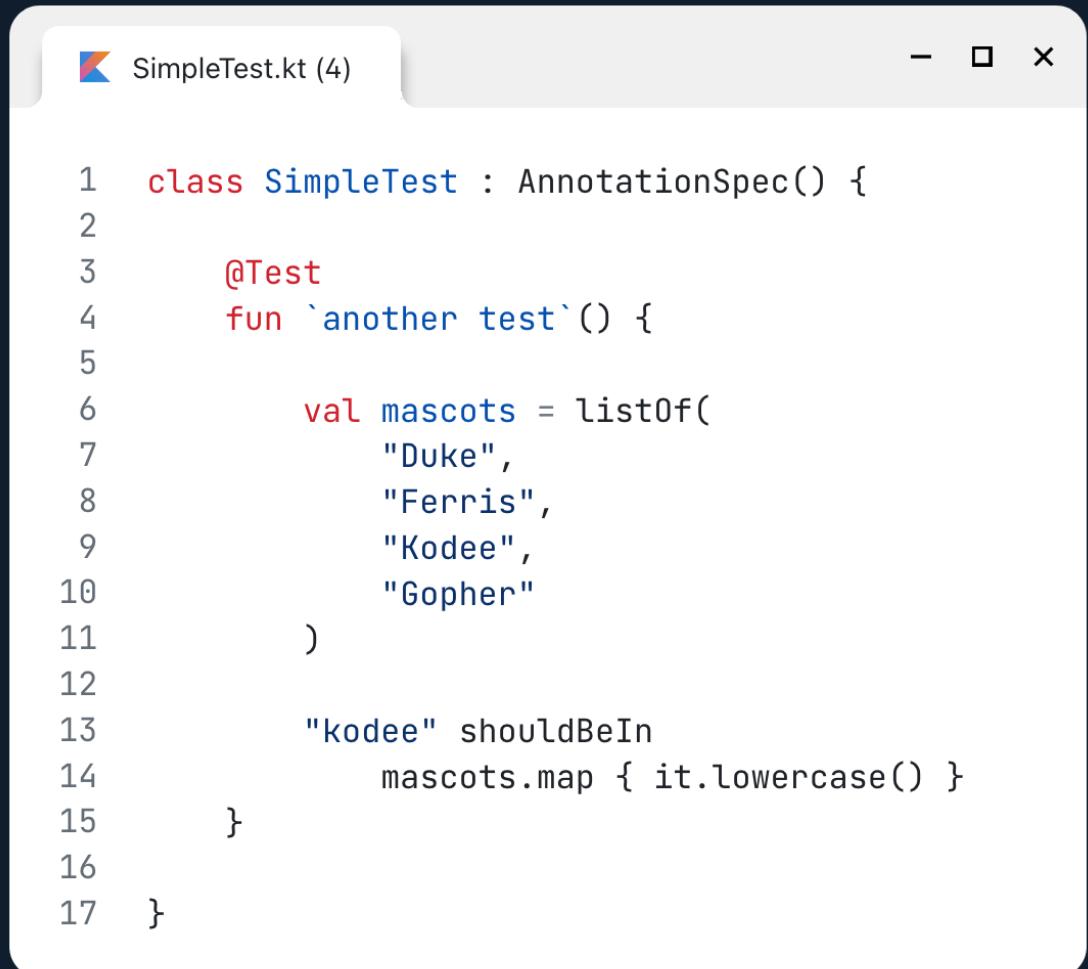
```
>      at schwartz.it.kotlin.workshop.basic.testing.SimpleTest.better assert - false(SimpleTest.kt:26) <2 internal lines>
```

Testing

- Use **testing framework + assertion framework** to write expressive tests (Here: kotest)
- Detecting regressions
- Code coverage
- Test driven development
- Automatic test execution as part of CI/CD

Several types of tests

- **Unit tests:** Test component in isolation
- **Integration tests:** Test interaction between components (requires starting web framework)



```
1 class SimpleTest : AnnotationSpec() {  
2  
3     @Test  
4     fun `another test`() {  
5         val mascots = listOf(  
6             "Duke",  
7             "Ferris",  
8             "Kodee",  
9             "Gopher"  
10        )  
11  
12        "kodee" shouldBeIn  
13        mascots.map { it.lowercase() }  
14    }  
15}  
16  
17 }
```

```
WithDependency.kt
```

```
1 class DateService {  
2     fun getToday() = LocalDate.now()  
3 }  
4  
5 class WorkingInfoService(  
6     private val dateService: DateService,  
7 ) {  
8     fun getWorkingsHours(day: DayOfWeek) =  
9         when (day) {  
10             MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY → 9..17  
11             SATURDAY, SUNDAY → IntRange.EMPTY  
12         }  
13  
14     fun getWorkingHoursToday() =  
15         getWorkingsHours(dateService.getToday().dayOfWeek)  
16 }  
17
```

WithDependencyTest.kt

- □ ×

```
1 class WithDependencyTest : AnnotationSpec() {  
2  
3     private val mockedDateService = mockk<DateService>()  
4  
5     private val workingInfoService =  
6         WorkingInfoService(  
7             dateService = mockedDateService,  
8         )  
9  
10    @Test  
11    fun `getWorkingHoursToday - weekend`() {  
12  
13        every { mockedDateService.getToday() } returns  
14            LocalDate.of(2024, 7, 6)  
15  
16        workingInfoService.getWorkingHoursToday() shouldHaveSize 0  
17    }  
18}
```

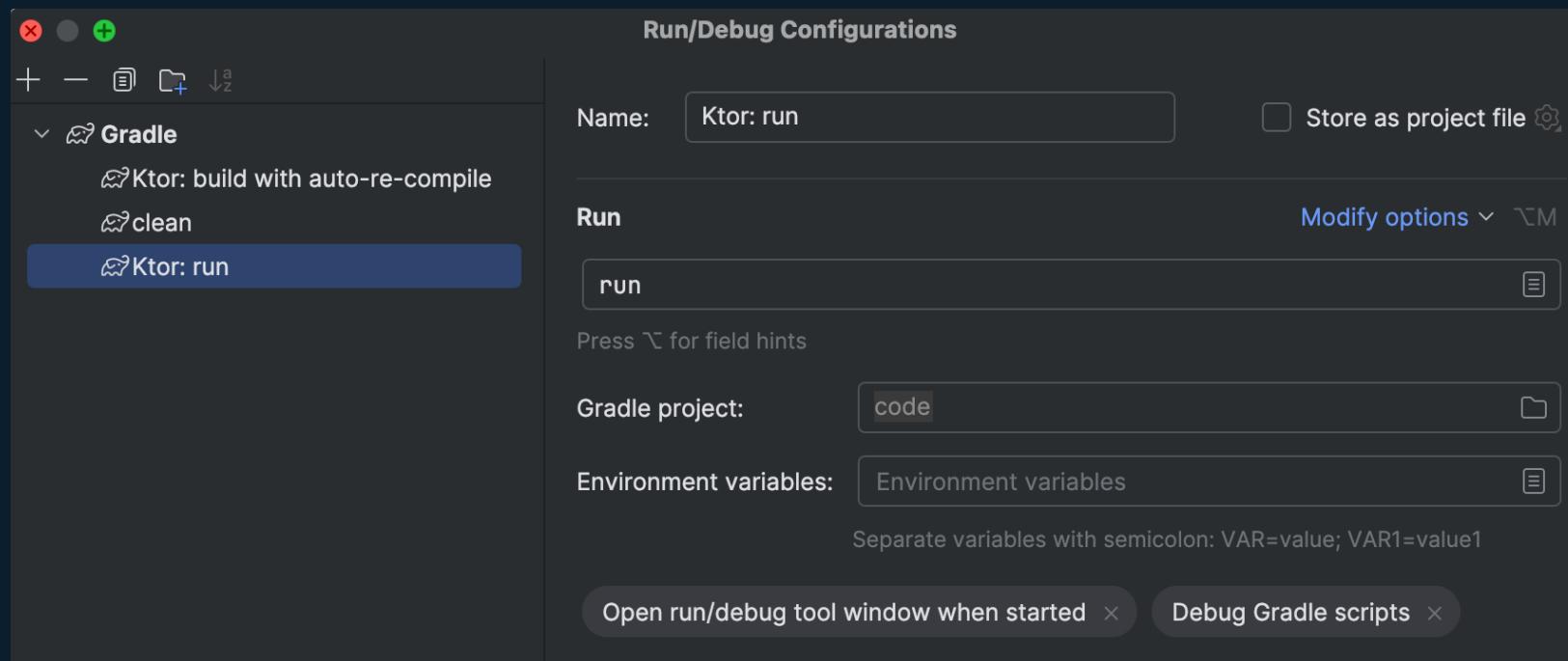
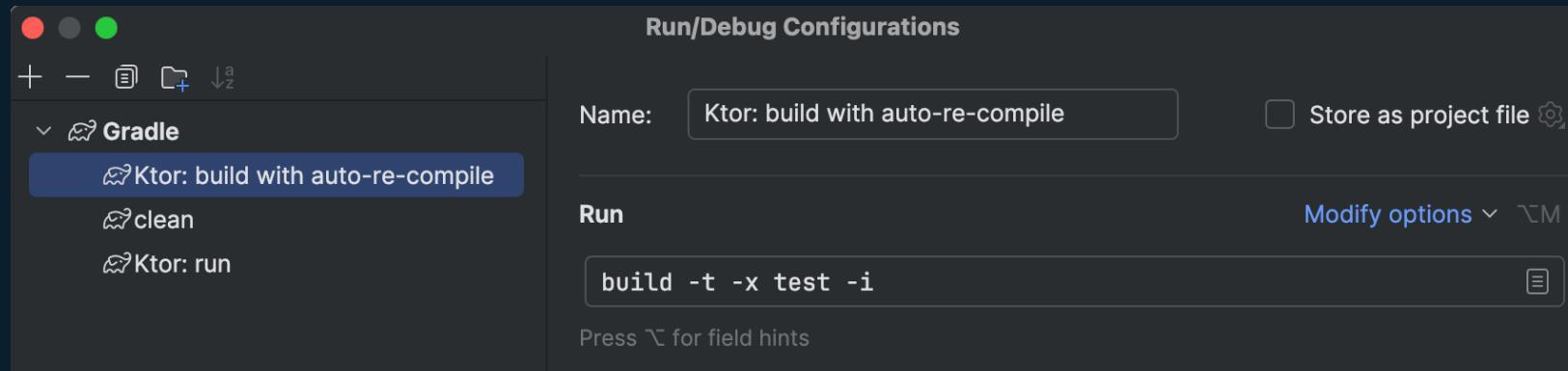
Testing

Exercises

05.b

Web development

Ktor demo in IDE





A screenshot of a code editor window titled "StaticRoutes.kt". The window has a standard OS X style title bar with a close button. The code itself is a single function definition:

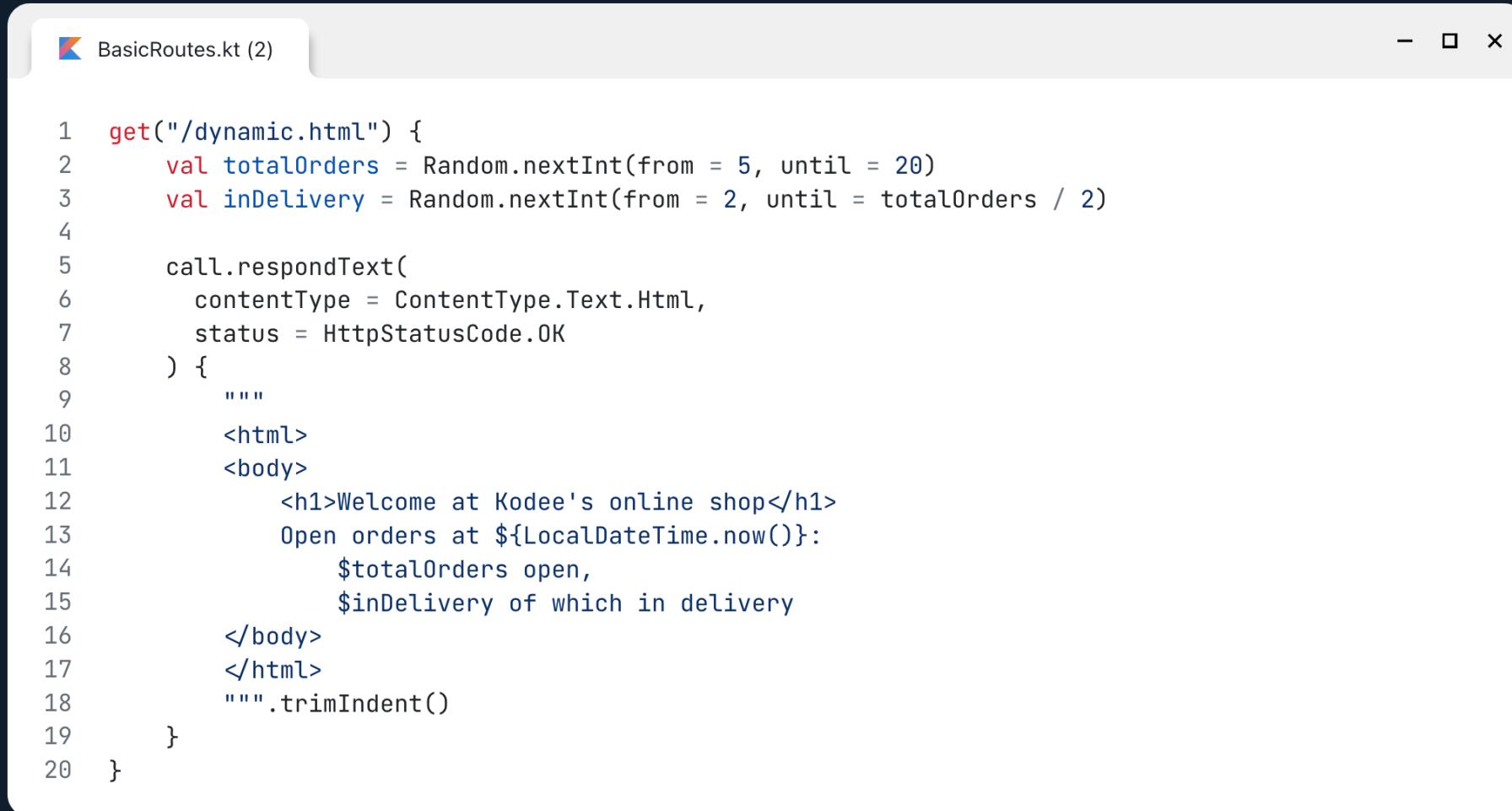
```
1 fun Route.staticRoutes() {  
2     staticResources("/frontend", "static") {  
3         default("index.html")  
4     }  
5 }
```

<http://localhost:8080/frontend/index.html>

 BasicRoutes.kt (1)

```
1 fun Route.basicRoutes() {
2     route("/basic") {
3         get("/static.html") {
4             call.respondText(
5                 contentType = ContentType.Text.Html,
6                 status = HttpStatusCode.OK
7             ) {
8                 """
9                     <html>
10                    <body>
11                        <h1>Welcome at Kodee's online shop</h1>
12                    </body>
13                    </html>
14                """ .trimIndent()
15            }
16        }
17    }
18 }
```

<http://localhost:8080/basic/static.html>



The screenshot shows a code editor window titled "BasicRoutes.kt (2)". The code is written in Kotlin and defines a route for handling requests to "/dynamic.html". The route uses a lambda expression to handle the GET request. Inside the lambda, it generates a random number of total orders (between 5 and 20) and a random number of those orders in delivery (between 2 and half of the total). It then constructs an HTML response with an h1 header, a timestamp, and a message indicating the number of open and in-delivery orders. The code uses triple quotes to define the entire HTML content.

```
1 get("/dynamic.html") {
2     val totalOrders = Random.nextInt(from = 5, until = 20)
3     val inDelivery = Random.nextInt(from = 2, until = totalOrders / 2)
4
5     call.respondText(
6         contentType = ContentType.Text.Html,
7         status = HttpStatusCode.OK
8     ) {
9         """
10            <html>
11                <body>
12                    <h1>Welcome at Kodee's online shop</h1>
13                    Open orders at ${LocalDateTime.now()}:
14                        $totalOrders open,
15                        $inDelivery of which in delivery
16                </body>
17            </html>
18        """.trimIndent()
19    }
20 }
```

<http://localhost:8080/basic/dynamic.html>

Web technologies

The beginnings:

- Web server delivers static HTML



Later:

- Dynamic content: Web server renders page on request



15-25 years ago: AJAX etc.

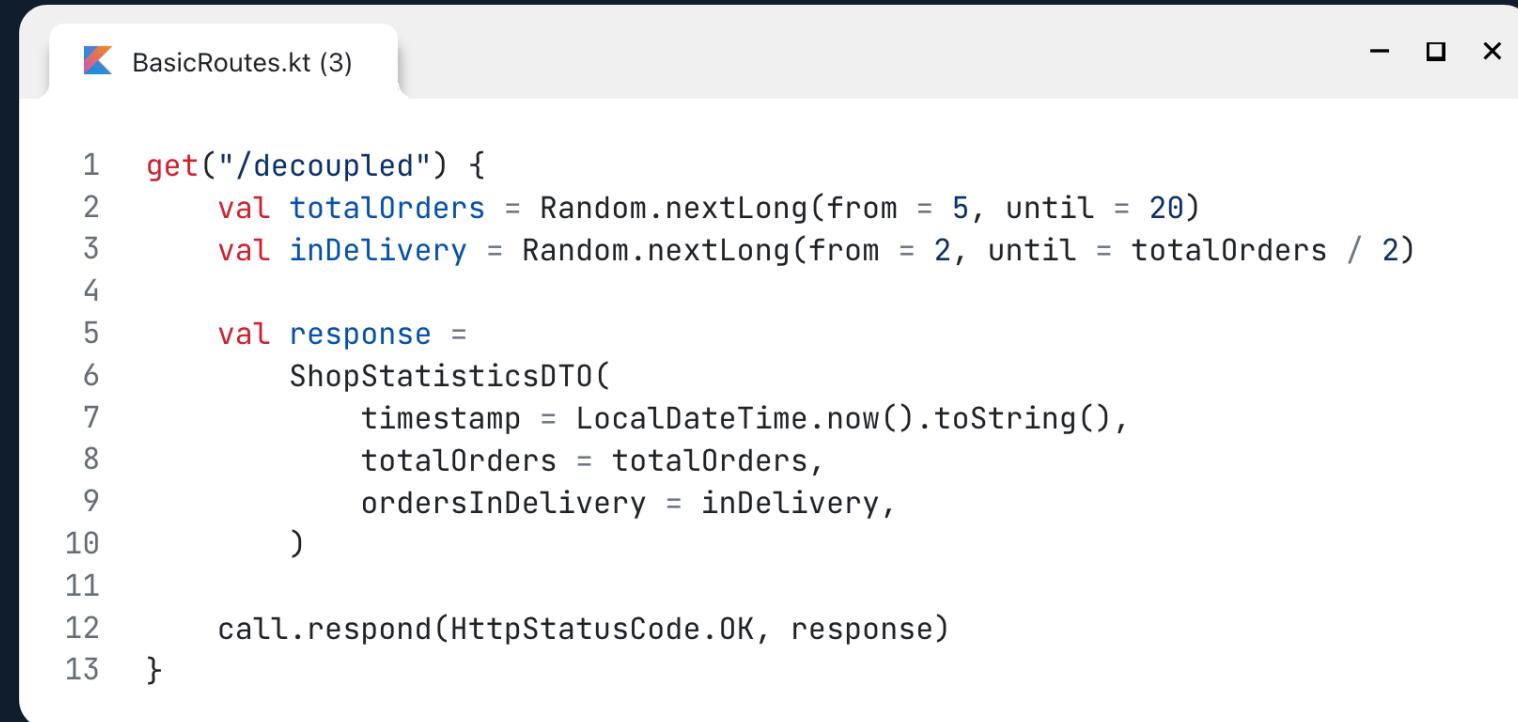
- Browser and backend communicate asynchronously via API
- REST
- JSON



 ShopStatisticsDTO.kt

- □ ×

```
1 @Serializable
2 data class ShopStatisticsDTO(
3     val timestamp: String,
4     val totalOrders: Long,
5     val ordersInDelivery: Long,
6 )
```

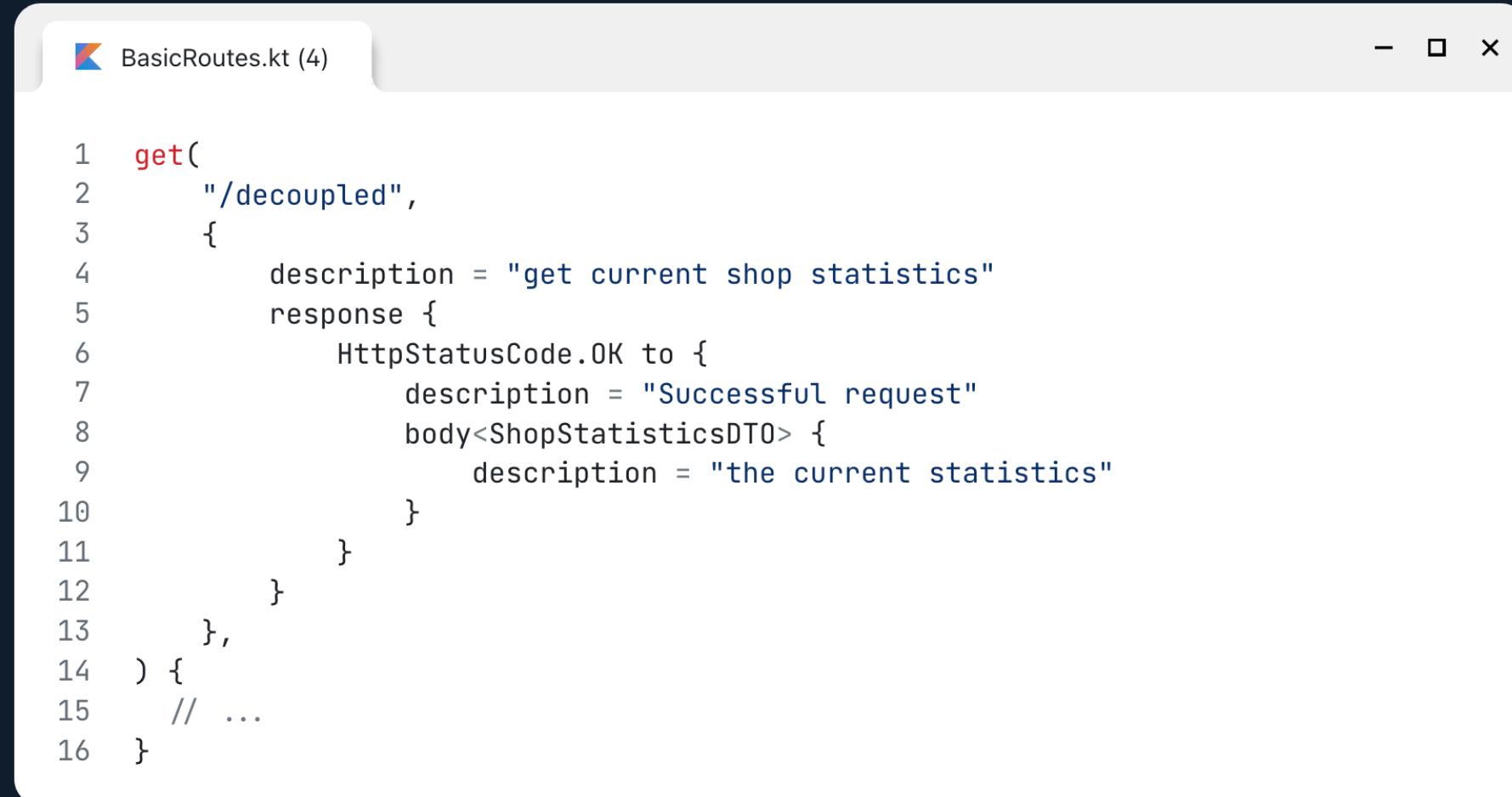


```
BasicRoutes.kt (3)

1 get("/decoupled") {
2     val totalOrders = Random.nextLong(from = 5, until = 20)
3     val inDelivery = Random.nextLong(from = 2, until = totalOrders / 2)
4
5     val response =
6         ShopStatisticsDTO(
7             timestamp = LocalDateTime.now().toString(),
8             totalOrders = totalOrders,
9             ordersInDelivery = inDelivery,
10        )
11
12     call.respond(HttpStatusCode.OK, response)
13 }
```

<http://localhost:8080/basic/decoupled>

<http://localhost:8080/frontend/basic.html>



The screenshot shows a code editor window with a light gray header bar. On the left of the header bar is a small blue Kotlin logo icon. To its right, the text "BasicRoutes.kt (4)" is displayed. On the far right of the header bar are three small icons: a horizontal line, a square, and an 'X'. The main body of the editor contains 16 numbered lines of Kotlin code. The code defines a route for a 'decoupled' endpoint that returns shop statistics.

```
1 get(
2     "/decoupled",
3     {
4         description = "get current shop statistics"
5         response {
6             HttpStatusCode.OK to {
7                 description = "Successful request"
8                 body<ShopStatisticsDTO> {
9                     description = "the current statistics"
10                }
11            }
12        }
13    },
14 ) {
15     // ...
16 }
```

<http://localhost:8080/swagger>



The screenshot shows a code editor window with a dark theme. The title bar says "BasicRoutesTest.kt". The code is written in Kotlin:

```
1 class BasicRoutesTest : AnnotationSpec() {
2
3     @Test
4     fun `endpoint decoupled - returns statistics`() = testApplication {
5
6         val client = createClient {
7             install(ContentNegotiation) {
8                 json()
9             }
10        }
11
12        val response = client.get("/basic/decoupled")
13
14        response.status shouldBe HttpStatusCode.OK
15
16        val body = response.body<ShopStatisticsDTO>()
17
18        body.totalOrders shouldBeLessThan 20
19        body.ordersInDelivery shouldBeLessThan body.totalOrders
20        body.ordersInDelivery shouldBeGreaterThanOrEqual 2
21    }
22 }
```

Advanced project demo in IDE / browser

<http://localhost:8080/frontend/advanced.html>

AdvancedRoutes.kt (1)

```
1  get("/order/{identifier}") {
2      val identifier = call.parameters["identifier"]?.toLongOrNull()
3
4      if (identifier == null) {
5          call.respond(HttpStatusCode.BadRequest)
6          return@get
7      }
8
9      val orderInfo = orders[identifier]
10
11     if (orderInfo == null) {
12         call.respond(HttpStatusCode.NotFound)
13         return@get
14     }
15
16     call.respond(HttpStatusCode.OK, orderInfo.toDTO())
17 }
```

<http://localhost:8080/frontend/advanced.html>

 AdvancedRoutes.kt (2)

```
1 post("/order") {
2     val dto = call.receive<OrderCreationDTO>()
3
4     if (dto.cost < 0 || dto.cost > 1_000) {
5         call.respond(HttpStatusCode.BadRequest)
6         return@post
7     }
8
9     if (dto.deliveryDay == DayOfWeek.SUNDAY) {
10        call.respond(HttpStatusCode.BadRequest)
11        return@post
12    }
13
14    val identifier = ...
15
16    orders[identifier] = ...
17    call.respond(HttpStatusCode.Created, identifier)
18 }
```

<http://localhost:8080/frontend/advanced.html>

Web development

Exercises

05.c

ORM

ORM

- Backend typically uses a **database** as persistent storage
- Problem: Structure of entries in databases \neq structure of Kotlin objects
- Use **ORM** (object–relational mapping) framework



Here:

- **H2**: Lightweight, in-memory database
- **Exposed**: lightweight Kotlin-native ORM framework





A screenshot of a code editor window titled "Article.kt". The code is written in Kotlin and defines a data class "Article" and an object "Articles" which represents a database table. The "Article" class has three properties: "identifier" (String), "name" (String), and "description" (String). The "Articles" object defines the table structure with columns for "identifier", "name", and "description", and an override for the primary key. A function "ResultRow.toArticle()" is also provided to convert a database row into an Article object.

```
1 data class Article(
2     val identifier: String,
3     val name: String,
4     val description: String,
5 )
6
7 object Articles : Table("articles") {
8     val identifier = varchar("identifier", 255).uniqueIndex()
9     val name = varchar("name", 255)
10    val description = text("description")
11
12    override val primaryKey = PrimaryKey(identifier, name = "PK_Articles")
13 }
14
15 fun ResultRow.toArticle() =
16     Article(
17         identifier = this[Articles.identifier],
18         name = this[Articles.name],
19         description = this[Articles.description],
20     )
```

<http://localhost:8080/frontend/orm.html>



The screenshot shows a code editor window titled "Article.kt (Usage)". The code is written in Kotlin and defines a function to find an article by its identifier:

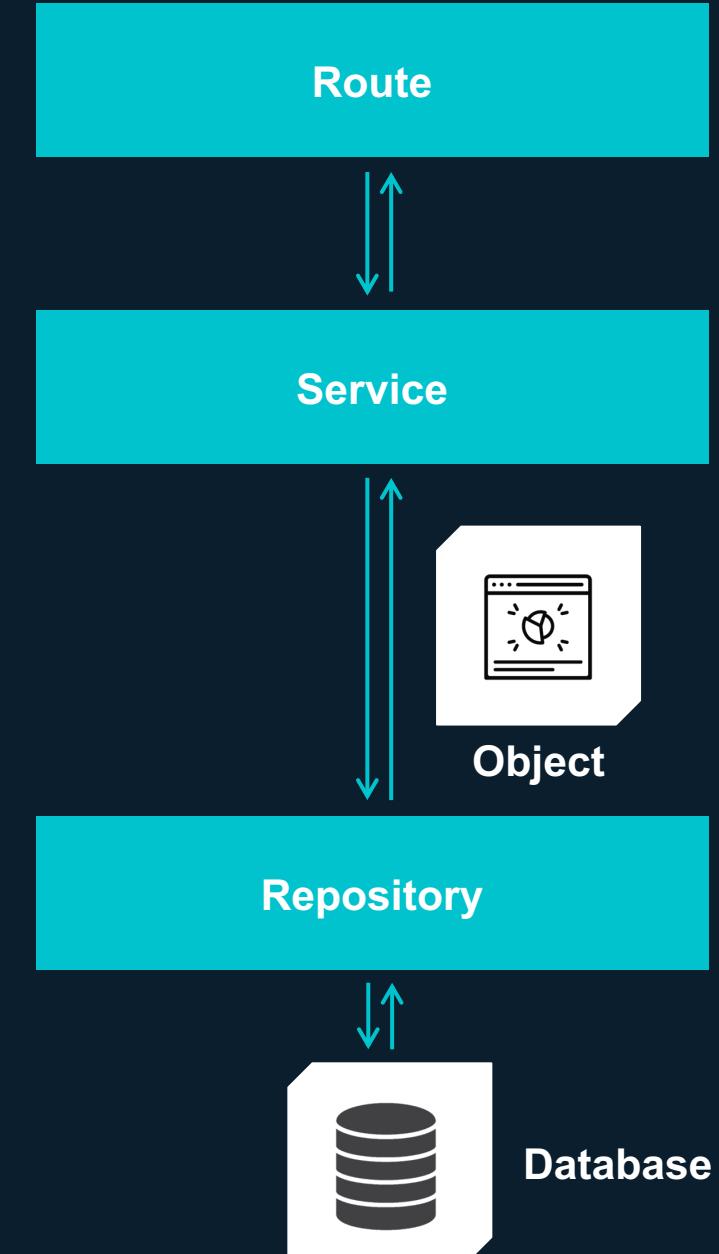
```
1 fun findArticleByIdentifier(identifier: String) =  
2     transaction {  
3         Articles  
4             .selectAll()  
5             .where { Articles.identifier eq identifier }  
6             .map { it.toArticle() }  
7             .singleOrNull()  
8     }
```

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Layered architecture

Separation of concerns

- **Entity**: Object that is stored in database
- **Repository**: Access layer for database
- **Service**: (Business) logic
 - uses Repository to access data
- **Route (Controller / Resource)**: Provides API
 - uses Service to invoke logic



ORM project demo in IDE / browser

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Exercises

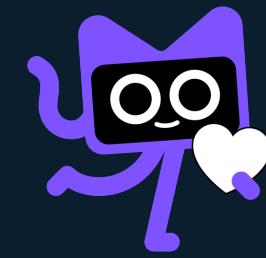
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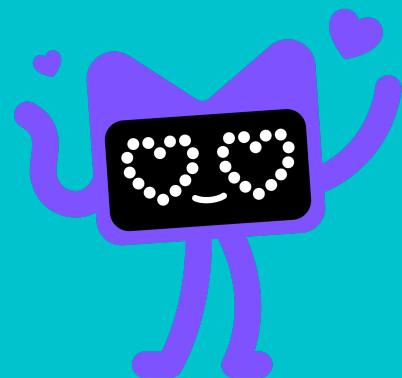
Readings

[A Comprehensive Kotlin Learning Guide for All Levels | The JetBrains Academy Blog](#)

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