

# Snackbars, DrawerState & Coroutine Scopes in Jetpack Compose

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## 1 UI Must Run on Main Thread

- In Android (including **Jetpack Compose**), **all UI updates must run on the main (UI) thread**.
- If you call UI APIs (like `SnackbarHostState.showSnackbar()` or `DrawerState.open()`) from a **background/worker thread**:
  - ❌ You'll get an exception (Called on a wrong thread)
  - ❌ Or the call may silently fail.

```
// ❌ Wrong: running on IO thread will crash or misbehave
scope.launch(Dispatchers.IO) {
    snackbarHostState.showSnackbar("Hi")
}
```

✅ **Rule:** Always touch UI from the **Main** thread.

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## 2 Why We Need a Coroutine Scope

- `SnackbarHostState.showSnackbar()` and `DrawerState.open()` are **suspend functions**.  
→ They cannot be called directly; they must run inside a **coroutine**.
- In Compose, we use a **CoroutineScope** to launch a coroutine on the main thread:

```
val scope = rememberCoroutineScope()

Button(onClick = {
    scope.launch {
        snackbarHostState.showSnackbar("Hello!") // ✅ Safe
    }
})
```

- `scope.launch {}` is **main-safe** by default.
- This is the same reason you use a coroutine scope for:
  - **Snackbars** → `snackbarHostState.showSnackbar()`

- **Drawer actions** → `drawerState.open()` / `drawerState.close()`

### 3 Switching Threads with `withContext`

If you have to do **heavy work** first (e.g., network, DB, file I/O), do it in **IO**, then switch back to **Main** for UI:

```
val scope = rememberCoroutineScope()

Button(onClick = {
    scope.launch { // starts on Main
        val result = withContext(Dispatchers.IO) {
            heavyWork() // network, DB, file I/O
        }
        snackbarHostState.showSnackbar("Result: $result") // back on Main
    }
})
```

- `launch {}` → Main by default
- `withContext(Dispatchers.IO)` → temporarily switch to IO
- Resumes automatically on **Main** after the block.

⚡ If the work is **light and UI-only**, you **don't need** `withContext`.

### 4 Common Coroutine Scopes in Android

Scope	Owner / Lifetime	Default Dispatcher	Best For
<code>viewModelScope</code>	ViewModel (survives config changes)	<code>Dispatchers.Main</code>	Business/data work (API calls, DB, update UI state)
<code>lifecycleScope</code>	LifecycleOwner (Activity / Fragment)	<code>Dispatchers.Main</code>	UI tasks tied to Activity/Fragment lifecycle
<code>rememberCoroutineScope()</code>	A single Composable instance	<code>Dispatchers.Main</code>	UI actions (snackbar, animations, drawers)
<code>LaunchedEffect {}</code>	A single Composable instance (auto-launches)	<code>Dispatchers.Main</code>	Run suspend code once when Composable enters
<code>GlobalScope</code> ⚠	Whole app process	—	❌ Avoid (lifecycle leaks)

#### ◆ **ViewModelScope vs Compose Scope**

- `viewModelScope`
  - Survives rotation/config changes.
  - Best for **long-lived tasks**: API calls, database, and updating UI state via `StateFlow` / `LiveData`.

- **rememberCoroutineScope / LaunchedEffect**
    - **Tied to a single Composable.**
    - Cancels when the Composable leaves the screen.
    - Ideal for **short-lived UI actions** like:
      - Showing a **Snackbar**
      - Opening/closing a **Navigation Drawer**
      - Running animations
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## 5 Typical Safe Pattern

```
val scope = rememberCoroutineScope()

Button(onClick = {
    scope.launch(Dispatchers.IO) {
        val data = heavyWork() // Heavy I/O work
        withContext(Dispatchers.Main) {
            snackbarHostState.showSnackbar("Done: $data")
            drawerState.open() // Safe because now on Main
        }
    }
})
```

- Start in **IO** if your first work is heavy.
  - Switch back to **Main** with `withContext(Dispatchers.Main)` for any UI updates.
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## ✓ Best Practices Summary

- 🟢 **UI calls must run on Main** ( `showSnackbar()` , `drawerState.open()` , etc.).
  - 🟡 Use `withContext(Dispatchers.IO)` for heavy work, then return to Main.
  - 🟢 For simple UI suspend calls, just `scope.launch { ... }` (already Main).
  - 🟢 Pick the right scope:
    - **ViewModelScope** → long-lived, survives rotation, for data/business.
    - **rememberCoroutineScope / LaunchedEffect** → short-lived UI actions.
  - 🔴 Avoid `GlobalScope` — can cause leaks & run after the UI is gone.
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## 💡 Key Takeaway

**Snackbars and Drawer actions are suspend functions** — they **require a coroutine scope** and must be called from the **Main thread**.

Use `rememberCoroutineScope()` or `LaunchedEffect` for UI actions; use `viewModelScope` for long-running data tasks.