

MvvmCross

Building Native Cross-Platform Apps



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Progress is teamwork



The history of **MvvmCross**

Started by
Stuart Lodge

Started as fork of
MonoCross (Mvc framework)



November 2012

Evolved into
MvvmCross

June 2013

Taken over by

- **Tomasz Cielecki** / Cheesebaron
- **Martijn van Dijk** / Martijn00
- + **Many others**

**Android support
added**

**Xamarin.Forms
added**

**Plugin structure
added**



June 2015



August 2015



September 2015

**iOS support
added**

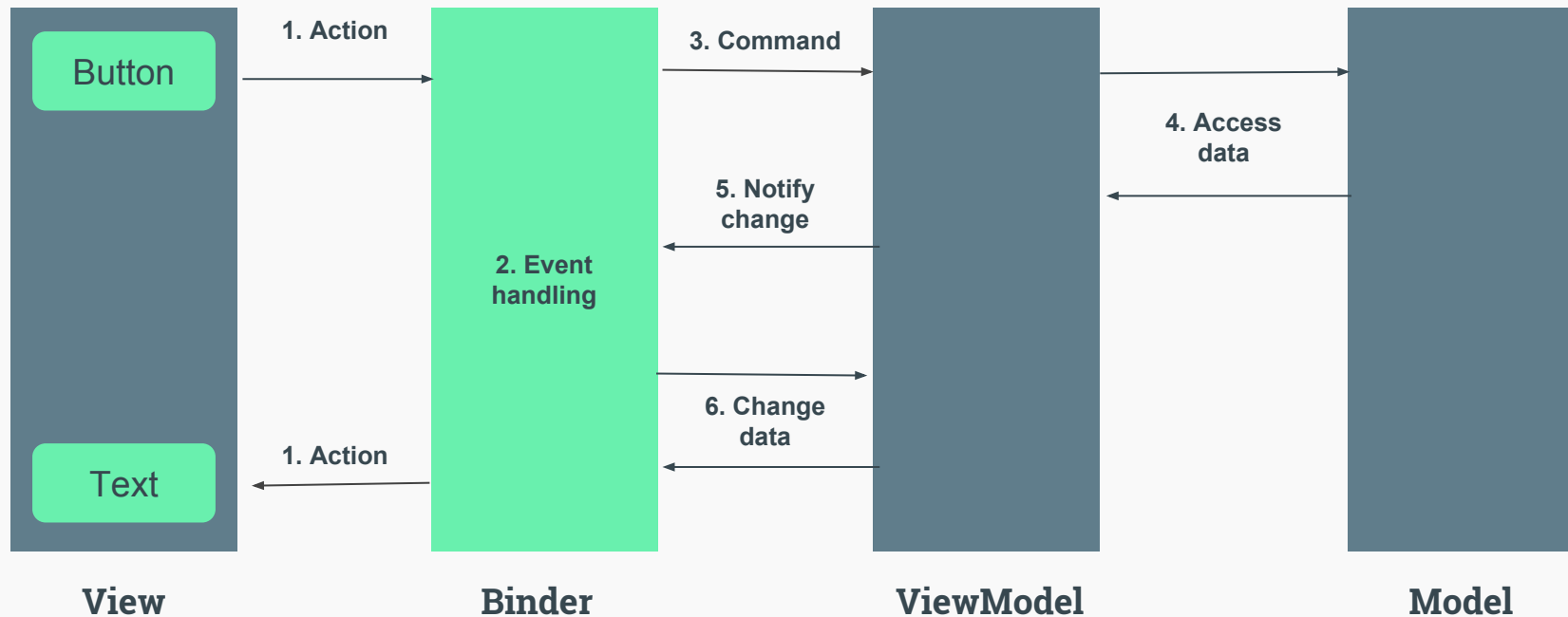


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And more in the future!

Why Mvvm?



Why MvvmCross?

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Cross platform
awesomeness!



Support for **all major**
platforms



Most advanced Mvvm
library for Xamarin and
.NET cross platform



Large and engaged
community



Fast release cycle



Clean & easy conventions



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I love
MvvmCross



Miguel de Icaza
Xamarin CTO

I am really
impressed
with
MvvmCross



Scott Hanselman
Microsoft Developer
Evangelist

MvvmCross

Supported platforms

- Android
- iOS
- Windows
- Xamarin.Forms
- Mac
- And more!

MvvmCross

Highlights

- Flexible architecture
- PCL based
- Inversion of Control
- Dependency injection
- Value Converters
- Bindings
- Testable
- Plugins



Let take a look
at setting up a
basic project

Bindings

iOS:

```
var set = this.CreateBindingSet<MainViewController,  
MainViewModel>();  
set.Bind(Label).To(vm => vm.Title);  
set.Apply();
```

Android:

```
local:MvxBind="Text Title"
```

Device & platform fragmentation



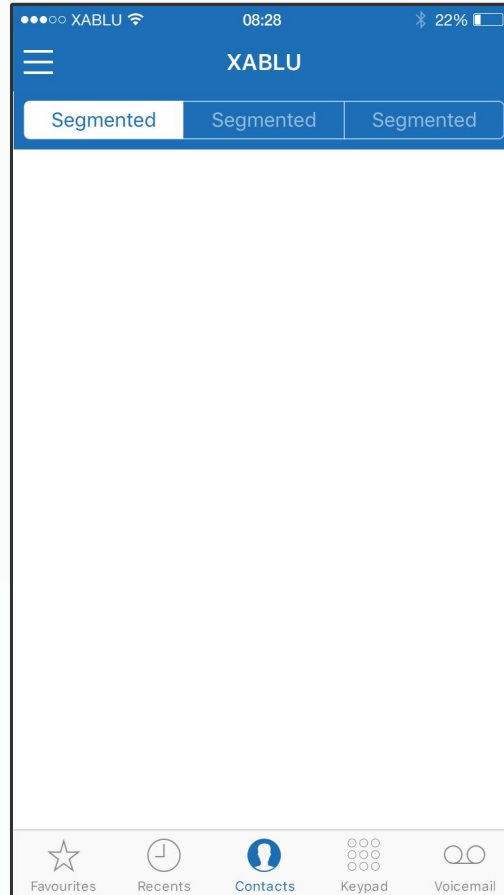
The solution?

MvvmCross presenters

- Customize view presentation
- Platform-specific
- Still retain View Model logic
- Presentation hints

Let's take a look at
some samples

Hamburger
menu



Segmented
control



Tab bar



iOS presenter

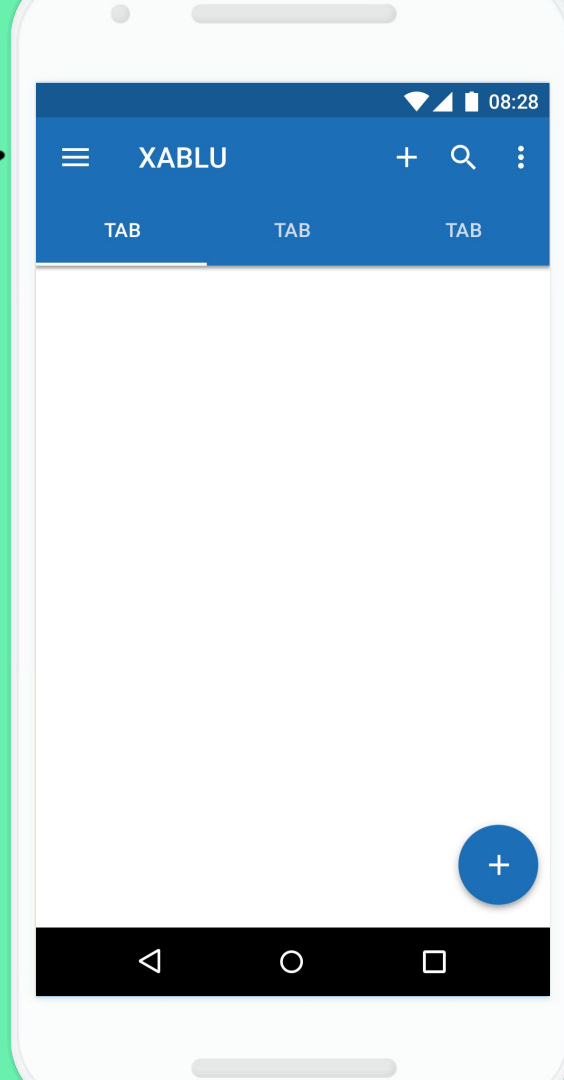
// Override the IMvxiosViewPresenter to customize iOS presentation

```
protected override IMvxiosViewPresenter CreatePresenter()
{
    return new MvxSidePanelsPresenter((MvxApplicationDelegate)ApplicationDelegate, Window);
}
```

// Use the Panel attribute to indicate where a viewcontroller is shown on the screen

```
[MvxPanelPresentation(MvxPanelEnum.Left, MvxPanelHintType.ActivePanel, false)]
public class LeftPanelView : BaseViewController<LeftPanelViewModel>
```

Navigation
drawer



Tabs

Floating
action button

Android fragment presenter

// To use a custom presenter override the IMvxAndroidViewPresenter in your Android setup.cs

```
protected override IMvxAndroidViewPresenter CreateViewPresenter()
{
    var mvxFragmentsPresenter = new MvxFragmentsPresenter(AndroidViewAssemblies);
    Mvx.RegisterSingleton<IMvxAndroidViewPresenter>(mvxFragmentsPresenter);
    return mvxFragmentsPresenter;
}
```

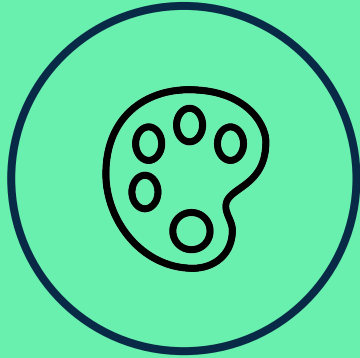
// Use the Fragment attribute to show fragments within an Android Activity

```
[MvxFragment(typeof (MainViewModel), Resource.Id.content_frame, false)]
[Register("com.sample.droid.fragments.LoginFragment")]
public class LoginFragment : BaseFragment<LoginViewModel>
```


Technical implementations

- Tabs / Panorama
- Split View / Master-Detail
- Fragments
- Modals
- Hamburger menu

Recap of MvvmCross presenters



Enables the best
Native UI

Build beautiful Native Apps
using Xamarin and
MvvmCross!



Easy to implement
custom presenters

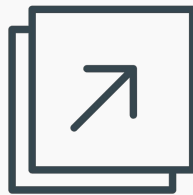
Enables you to customize the
behavior of your app without
making your app multiple
times



Most code reuse

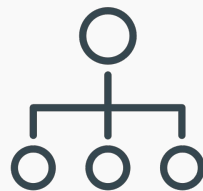
Using the presenters saves you
budget because you only need
to code navigation once

Generics



- MvvmCross uses CoC (Convention over Configuration) by default
 - LoginView > LoginViewModel
- Generics can be used too
 - LoginView : MvxActivity<LoginViewModel>
 - MainView : MvxActivity<SomeDifferentNameViewModel>
- Possible to override in setup.cs
 - protected override IDictionary<Type, Type> GetViewModelViewLookup()

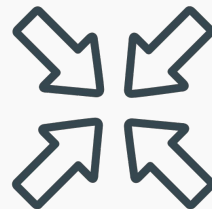
IoC (Inversion of Control)



1. Use interfaces
 2. Define implementation of interfaces at runtime
 3. Job done! :)
- Singleton: `Mvx.RegisterSingleton<T>()`;
 - Lazy: `Mvx.ConstructAndRegisterSingleton<T>()`;
 - Dynamic: `Mvx.RegisterType<T>()`;

`Mvx.Resolve<T>()`;

Dependency Injection



```
public class MyViewModel : MvxViewModel
{
    public MyViewModel(IMvxJsonConverter
jsonConverter,      IMvxGeoLocationWatcher
locationWatcher)
    {
        // Do stuff....
    }
}
```

MvvmCross Plugins

- Accelerometer
- Download Cache
- Email
- File
- Json
- Localization
- Location
- Messenger
- Phone Call
- Picture Chooser
- SQLite
- Visibility
- Web Browser
- + **Many More!**



Plugins available at

<https://github.com/MvvmCross/MvvmCross-Plugins>

Messenger



```
public class LocationViewModel
    : MvxViewModel
{
    private readonly MvxSubscriptionToken _token;

    public LocationViewModel(IMvxMessenger messenger)
    {
        _token = messenger.Subscribe<LocationMessage>(OnLocationMessage);
    }

    private void OnLocationMessage(LocationMessage locationMessage)
    {
        Lat = locationMessage.Lat;
        Lng = locationMessage.Lng;
    }
}
```

Material Design support for MvvmCross

■ V7 AppCompat

- MvxCachingFragmentActivity
- android:Theme
- Toolbar
- DrawerToggle

■ Core.UI

- SwipeRefresh
- DrawerLayout

■ Core.Utils

- WakefulBroadcastReceiver

■ Fragments

- Support Fragment
- ViewPager (FragmentStatePagerAdapter)

■ RecyclerView

- ItemTouchHelper for Xamarin
- Multiple item templates

■ Design

- NavigationView
- FloatingActionButton

■ Compat

■ Media.Compat

■ LeanBack

■ Preference



See it in action,
demo time!

Other Material & Android support libraries

- Cardview
- Palette
- Gridlayout
- Mediarouter
- V8 Support
- V13 Support
- Annotations support
- Custom tabs
- Percent support
- Recommendation support

Testing

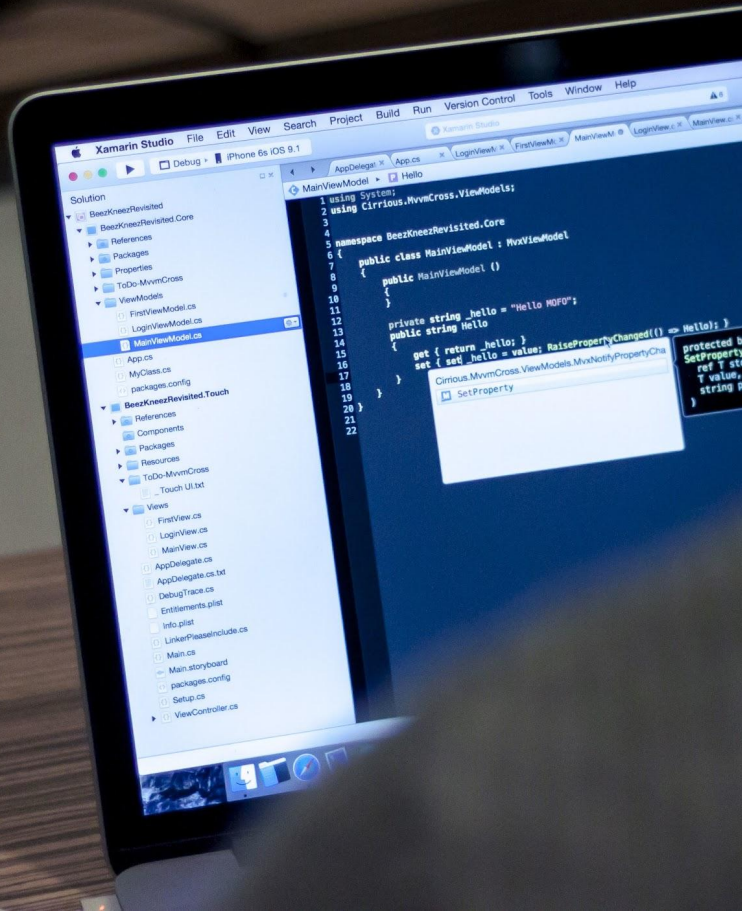
```
using MvvmCross.Test.Core;
using Moq;
using NUnit.Framework;

[TestFixture]
public class MyTest : MvxIoCSupportingTest
{
    [Test]
    public void TestViewModel()
    {
        base.Setup(); // from MvxIoCSupportingTest

        // your test code
    }
}
```

MvvmCross Resources

- [Github.com/MvvmCross](https://github.com/MvvmCross)
- [MvvmCross.com](https://mvvmcross.com)
- Slack (#mvvmcross)
- Stackoverflow
- Xamarin Forums



Tips

- Keep it simple
- Separation of Concerns
- Don't try to invent the wheel again, use plugins, samples, etc.
- Use the Analysis plugin to fix common mistakes

Get involved!



Get help on Slack

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