

# Retrofit 2

## What the IOException?!

- HttpException is more accurate

# Retrofit 2

**What the IOException?!**

**What the HttpException?!**

- When planning IOException sounded cooler

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- Let me remind you of a quote from a couple of years back

**"Retrofit 2 will be out by  
the end of this year"**

— Jake Wharton (*Droidcon NYC 2014*)

- Cool!

**"Retrofit 2 will be out by  
the end of this year"**

— Jake Wharton (*Droidcon NYC 2015*)

- Erm, ok?

***"Retrofit 2.0.0 is now released!"***

– ***@JakeWharton (11 Mar 2016)***

- Finally! Lets get going!

A color photograph of a man from the chest up. He has short brown hair and is wearing a dark tuxedo jacket over a white shirt. He is holding a large bunch of red carnations in his left hand. His right arm is raised, showing his forearm and hand, which appears to be bandaged or wrapped in a white cloth. He is looking slightly to his left with a neutral expression.

**Finally!**



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SCOUT24**

- Over at ImmobilienScout24 GmbH we recently decided to update to Retrofit 2



**BRILLIANT IDEA  
MAYOR.**

## Retrofit2: Dependencies

```
dependencies {  
  
    // Retrofit 1.9  
    compile 'com.squareup.retrofit:retrofit:1.9.0'  
  
    // Retrofit 2.1  
    compile 'com.squareup.retrofit2:retrofit:2.1.0'  
  
}
```

- Retrofit 2 is distributed with a package name
- Meaning you include both libraries in your project

# Method Counts

# Retrofit2: Dependencies

## Retrofit 1.9 (1997)

Retrofit (776)  
Gson (1231)

## Retrofit 2.1 (3349)

Retrofit (508)  
OkHttp (2180)  
OkIo (661)

- Considerable difference because of dependency on OkHttp

# OkHttp

- Retrofit inherits OkHttp call pattern
- Uses request elements from OkHttp too
- Interceptor, Response, RequestBody

# **Awesome!**

## **What's Next?**

- Lets build our rest adapter

## Retrofit2: RestAdapter

```
// Retrofit 1.9
RestAdapter adapter = new RestAdapter.Builder()
.setClient(new Ok3Client(okHttpClient))
.setEndpoint("...")
.build();

// Retrofit 2.1
Retrofit retrofit = new Retrofit.Builder()
.client(okHttpClient)
.baseUrl("...")
.build();
```

- RestAdapter renamed to Retrofit
- No Retrofit client wrapper (Ok3Client)
- setEndpoint renamed to baseUrl

# Converters

- Converters deal with the serialisation of your data objects
- Factories no longer dependent on Gson package
- Are parameterised and generated from a factory

## Retrofit2: Converters

```
compile 'com.squareup.retrofit2:converter-gson:2.1.0'
```

- Retrofit 1.9 included GsonConverter and had gson as a dependency
- Retrofit 2.1 does not include any converters automatically

## Retrofit2: Converters

```
compile 'com.squareup.retrofit2:converter-gson:2.1.0'
```

```
Retrofit retrofit = new Retrofit.Builder()  
    .addConverterFactory(GsonConverterFactory.create())  
    .build();
```

- This covers both your request and response body converters

## Retrofit2: Converters

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compile 'com.squareup.retrofit2:converter-gson:2.1.0'
```

```
Retrofit retrofit = new Retrofit.Builder()  
    .addConverterFactory(GsonConverterFactory.create())  
    .build();
```

moshi, scalars, simplexml, wire, jackson, protobuf

- Other serialisation converters can be used
- No duplication of converters using an alternative

# Multiple Converters

- Using multiple converters is similar to Retrofit1
- Converter Factory is not dependent on Gson either

## Retrofit2: Multiple Converters

→ Checks every converter sequentially

- Retrofit2 checks every converter that is capable of dealing with the data type
- If it can't understand the data Retrofit moves to the next one

## **Retrofit2: Multiple Converters**

- Checks every converter sequentially
- Register converter factories in order

- Retrofit will take first successful converter
- Register your special converter factories first
- General converters like Gson last

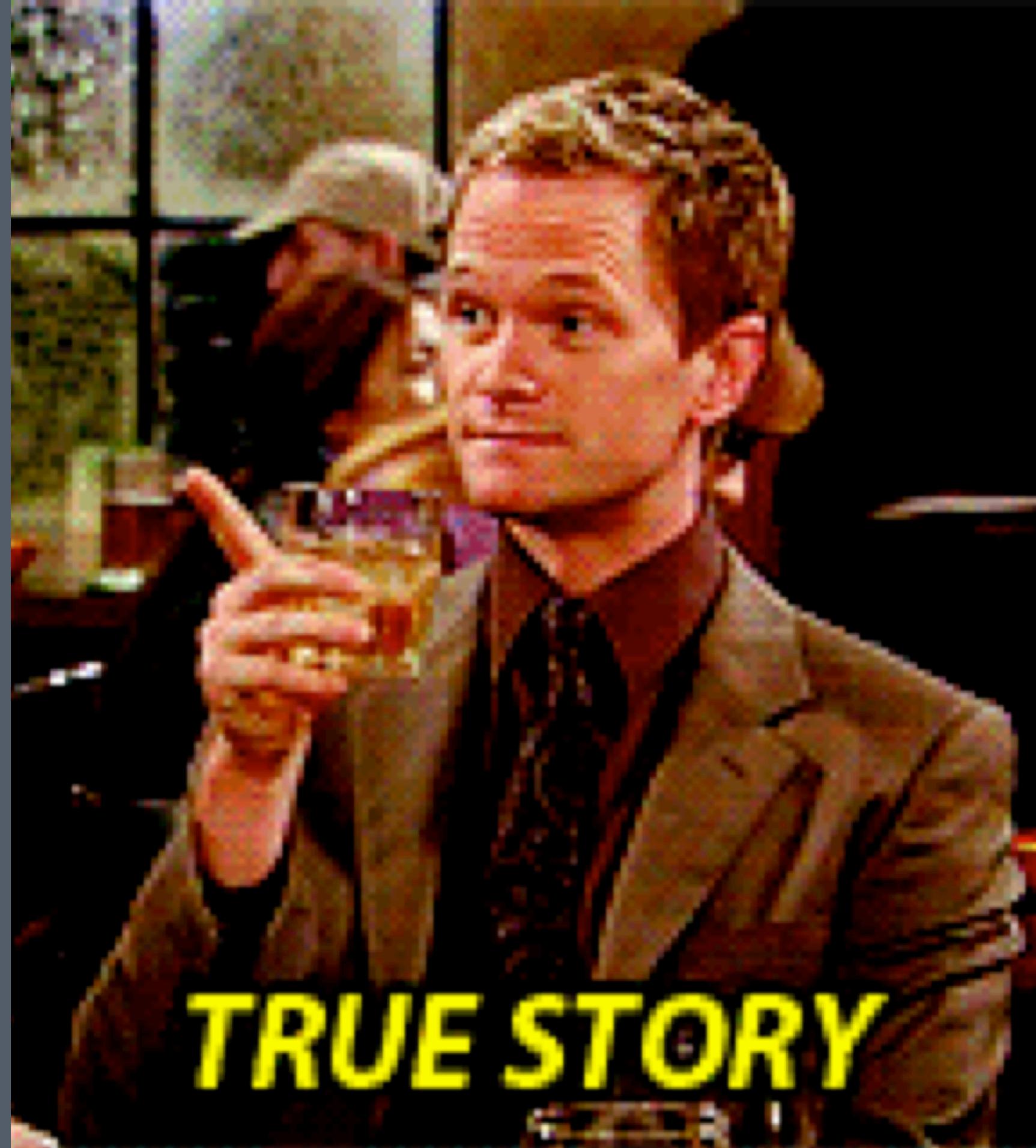
## Retrofit2: Multiple Converters

- Checks every converter sequentially
- Register converter factories in order
- Create custom `retrofit2.Converter.Factory`

- You can create custom converter factories
- For use with custom serialisation methods
- If you have legacy code or manual json converters
- Any questions on this directed as  
@alosdev

**"I love  
Factories!"**

– @alosdev



**TRUE STORY**



# Logging

- Original request logging is no longer included with Retrofit

## Retrofit2: Logging

```
dependencies {  
    compile 'com.squareup.okhttp3:logging-interceptor:3.4.1'  
}
```

- Since Retrofit now uses OkHttp as its client

## Retrofit2: Logging

```
HttpLoggingInterceptor logger = new HttpLoggingInterceptor();  
logger.setLevel(HttpLoggingInterceptor.Level.BODY);  
  
OkHttpClient client = new OkHttpClient.Builder()  
.addInterceptor(logger)  
.build();
```

- Logging must be performed via an interceptor

# Adapters

# **Adapters**

## **Call -> Asynchronous Consumer**

- Adapters convert a standard call to another asynchronous consumer
- Unlike Retrofit1 call adapters do not come included

## **Retrofit2: Adapters**

```
// RxJava: Observable<T>
com.squareup.retrofit2:adapter-rxjava
```

- RxJava to use with observables

## Retrofit2: Adapters

```
// RxJava: Observable<T>
com.squareup.retrofit2:adapter-rxjava

// RxJava2: Flowable<T>
com.jakewharton.retrofit:retrofit2-rxjava2-adapter
```

- RxJava2 provided by Jake Wharton until RxJava2 stable release

## Retrofit2: Adapters

```
// RxJava: Observable<T>
com.squareup.retrofit2:adapter-rxjava

// RxJava2: Flowable<T>
com.jakewharton.retrofit:retrofit2-rxjava2-adapter

// Java8: CompletableFuture<T>
com.squareup.retrofit:converter-java8
```

- Java8 futures for Java projects (not available on Jack compiler)

## Retrofit2: Adapters

```
// RxJava: Observable<T>
com.squareup.retrofit2:adapter-rxjava

// RxJava2: Flowable<T>
com.jakewharton.retrofit:retrofit2-rxjava2-adapter

// Java8: CompletableFuture<T>
com.squareup.retrofit:converter-java8

// Guava: ListenableFuture<T>
com.squareup.retrofit:converter-guava
```

- Guava futures if you MultiDex and hate your users



- So good so far...
- What else?

# Services

- There is no difference between asynchronous and synchronous call definitions

## Retrofit2: Services

```
/* Retrofit 1.9 */
public interface Service {

    // Synchronous
    @GET("/articles")
    List<Article> articles();

    // Asynchronous
    @GET("/articles")
    void articles(Callback<List<Article>> callback);
}
```

- Retrofit 1 allows you to define both in the service definitions

## Retrofit2: Services

```
/* Retrofit 2.1 */
public interface Service {
    @GET("articles")
    Call<List<Article>> articles();
}
```

- Retrofit 2 does not allow this in the interface definition
- Responses are now encapsulated in a parameterized call
- Take another look at the url in this service

## Retrofit2: Services

```
/* Retrofit 1.9 */  
@GET("/articles")  
  
/* Retrofit 2.1 */  
@GET("articles")
```

- Base url resolution provided by `HttpUrl.resolve()`
- Use relative urls for your partial endpoints

## Retrofit2: Services

```
public interface AwsService {  
  
    @GET  
    public Call<File> getImage(@Url String url);  
}
```

- Retrofit now supports dynamic urls

## Retrofit2: Services

```
public interface AwsService {  
  
    @GET  
    public Call<File> getImage(@Url String url);  
}
```

Useful when working with external Services

- If you need to upload an image to AWS
- Needed to create a new retrofit client

## Retrofit2: Services

```
/* Retrofit 2.1 */
Call<List<Article>> call = service.articles();

// Synchronous
call.execute();

// Asynchronous
call.enqueue();
```

- Call can be made synchronously with `execute()` or asynchronously with `enqueue()`

## Retrofit2: Cancel Requests

```
/* Retrofit 2.1 */  
  
Call<ResponseBody> call = service.get("...");  
  
call.enqueue(new Callback<ResponseBody>() { ... });  
  
call.cancel();
```

- Either because the user has navigated somewhere where the request isn't necessary
- Cancelling on Retrofit 2 is as simple as calling a method on the call
- and you can check if the call was cancelled with `isCancelled()`

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**Rx all the things!**

- For the rest of this I'm going to assume the use of RxJava adapters



- Life is good right now
- This migration seems easy!



**What happens when  
things go wrong?**

- How would retrofit1 handle server errors

# Retrofit2: Errors

- Lets say we have a standard user journey
- But the user puts in a wrong email address

## Retrofit2: Errors

```
{  
    statusCode: 400,  
    message: "Malformed email"  
}
```

- Here the server gives us some useful information
- This may also localised using your accept headers

```
/* Retrofit 1.9 */
service.login(username, password)
    .subscribe(user -> {
        session.storeUser(user);
        view.gotoProfile();
    }, throwable -> {
        if (throwable instanceof RetrofitError) {
            processServerError(
                ((RetrofitError) throwable).getBodyAs(ServerError.class)
            );
        }
    }

    view.onError(throwable.getMessage());
});
```

- How would you consume this error in Retrofit 1?
- Goto user profile on success, process server error on failure

FAILURE: Build failed with an exception.  
`error: cannot find symbol class RetrofitError`



- What happened to RetrofitError?
- Has it moved? renamed?
- What can I do about this?

\* goes to stackoverflow.com \*

**RetrofitError is dead.**

**Long live HttpException.**

# RetrofitError

- Lets first take a look at RetrofitError
- What was it doing for us and why it gets such a bad rep

# Retrofit: RetrofitError

```
/* Retrofit 1.9: RetrofitError */
public Object getBodyAs(Type type) {
    if (response == null) {
        return null;
    }
    TypedInput body = response.getBody();
    if (body == null) {
        return null;
    }
    try {
        return converter.fromBody(body, type);
    } catch (ConversionException e) {
        throw new RuntimeException(e);
    }
}
```

- RetrofitError allows you to cast the error body response
- Violation of single responsibility principle

***"How do you know if it  
was a conversion error,  
network error, random  
error inside Retrofit?  
Yuck."***

– **Jake Wharton (Jul 25, 2013)**

# Retrofit: RetrofitError

```
/** Identifies the event kind which triggered a {@link RetrofitError}. */
public enum Kind {
    /** An {@link IOException} occurred while communicating to the server. */
    NETWORK,
    /** An exception was thrown while (de)serializing a body. */
    CONVERSION,
    /** A non-200 HTTP status code was received from the server. */
    HTTP,
    /**
     * An internal error occurred while attempting to execute a request. It is best practice to
     * re-throw this exception so your application crashes.
     */
    UNEXPECTED
}
```

Introduced in Retrofit v1.7 (Oct 8, 2014)

***"I find that API to awful  
(which I'm allowed to say  
as the author)"***

***– Jake Wharton (Nov 7, 2015)***

- Forces creating messy bug prone code in the caller

# **What Now?**

- So what do we do now?
- Lets revisit our login code

```
/* Retrofit 2.1 */
service.login(username, password)
    .subscribe(user -> {
        session.storeUser(user);
        view.gotoProfile();
    }, throwable -> {
        // Now What?!
    });
});
```

- How can we react to this throwable?

# Exceptions

- In Retrofit2 there are two main exception

# **Retrofit2: Exceptions**

## **IOException: Network errors**

- Loss of connectivity
- Serialisation errors
- Hard to know which

# **Retrofit2: Exceptions**

## **HttpException: Non 2xx responses**

- Server errors giving a non-2xx responses

# HttpException

## **Retrofit2: HttpException**

→ Included in Retrofit2 adapters

## **Retrofit2: HttpException**

- Included in Retrofit2 adapters
- Contains a response object

## **Retrofit2: HttpException**

- Included in Retrofit2 adapters
- Contains a response object
- Response is not serialisable

# IOException

## Retrofit2: IOException

**RetrofitError.Kind.NETWORK**

**RetrofitError.Kind.CONVERSION**



- Detecting serialisation issues is pretty hard
- IOExceptions are thrown for both network errors and conversions

## Retrofit: IOExceptions

```
isConnectedOrConnecting();
```



- You can typically detect connection issues with the ConnectivityManager
- Be careful not to pollute your error handling code however
- So what will our throwable look like?

```
throwable -> {
    if (throwable instanceof HttpException) {
        // non-2xx error
    }

    else if (throwable instanceof IOException) {
        // Network or conversion error
    }

    else {
        // ^\_(ツ)_/-
    }
}
```

# **Cool story bro...**

- Ok cool so we know our exceptions
- How can we deal with it?

```
@AutoValue
public abstract class ServerError extends RuntimeException {

    public abstract int getStatusCode();
    public abstract String message();
}
```

- Lets say we have a server error object
- For brevity here I'm using AutoValue

```
public class ServerErrorProcessor {  
  
    private final Converter<ResponseBody, ServerError> converter;  
  
    public ServerErrorProcessor(Retrofit retrofit) {  
        this(retrofit.responseBodyConverter(ServerError.class, new Annotation[0]));  
    }  
  
    private ServerErrorProcessor(Converter<ResponseBody, ServerError> converter) {  
        this.converter = converter;  
    }  
  
    public <T> Function<Throwable, Publisher<? extends T>> convert() {  
        return throwable -> {  
            if (throwable instanceof HttpException) {  
                Response response = ((HttpException) throwable).response();  
                return Flowable.error(converter.convert(response.errorBody()));  
            }  
  
            return Flowable.error(throwable);  
        };  
    }  
}
```

- Creates a response body converter from the retrofit instanceof
- Provides a Flowable function to convert HttpException to a server error

```
public static class UserClient {  
  
    private final ErrorProcessor processor;  
    private final UserService service;  
  
    public UserClient(Retrofit retrofit) {  
        this(retrofit.create(UserService.class), new ErrorProcessor(retrofit));  
    }  
  
    private UserClient(UserService service, ErrorProcessor processor) {  
        this.service = service;  
        this.processor = processor;  
    }  
  
    public Flowable<User> login(String username, String password) {  
        return service.login(username, password)  
            .onErrorResumeNext(processor.convert());  
    }  
}
```

- Use Rx onErrorResumeNext to check for an HttpException
- HttpException has been converted to a parsed ServerError
- If you want to wrap the entire exception into a custom one...

# **"RetrofitException"**



gist.github.com/koesie10/bc6c62520401cc7c858f

- Introduces Retrofit1 error handling in Retrofit2
- Doesn't really solve the problem that RetrofitError had

```
public static RetrofitException from(Throwable throwable) {  
    if (throwable instanceof HttpException) {  
        Response response = (HttpException) throwable).response();  
        Request request = response.raw().request();  
  
        return RetrofitException.http(request.url().toString(), response, retrofit);  
    }  
  
    if (throwable instanceof IOException) {  
        return RetrofitException.network((IOException) throwable);  
    }  
  
    return RetrofitException.unexpected(throwable);  
}
```

- Creates RetrofitException as clone of RetrofitError
- Can be created from HttpException or IOException

```
public class RxErrorHandlerAdapterFactory extends CallAdapter.Factory {
    private final RxJavaCallAdapterFactory original = RxJavaCallAdapterFactory.create();

    @Override
    public CallAdapter<?> get(Type returnType, Annotation[] annotations, Retrofit retrofit) {
        return new RxCallAdapterWrapper(retrofit, original.get(returnType, annotations, retrofit));
    }

    private static class RxCallAdapterWrapper implements CallAdapter<Observable<?>> {
        private final Retrofit retrofit;
        private final CallAdapter<?> wrapped;

        public RxCallAdapterWrapper(Retrofit retrofit, CallAdapter<?> wrapped) {
            this.retrofit = retrofit;
            this.wrapped = wrapped;
        }

        @Override
        public Type responseType() {
            return wrapped.responseType();
        }

        @Override
        public <R> Observable<?> adapt(Call<R> call) {
            return ((Observable) wrapped.adapt(call)).onErrorResumeNext(throwable -> {
                return Observable.error(RetrofitException.from(throwable));
            });
        }
    }
}
```

# RxJava Adapters

- You can also take more control over the result
- RxJava adapters for different service responses
- Important to know which exceptions will be passed

# RxJava Adapters

`Observable<T> call();`

- onNext with deserialised body for 2xx responses
- onError with HttpException for non-2xx responses
- onError with IOException for network calls

# RxJava Adapters

```
Observable<Response<T>> call();
```

- onNext with a response object for all Http responses
- onError with IOException for network errors

# RxJava Adapters

`Observable<Result<T>> call();`

- onNext with a result object for all Http responses and errors

Thank You