

# Mobile Applications

## 2. User interfaces in Android

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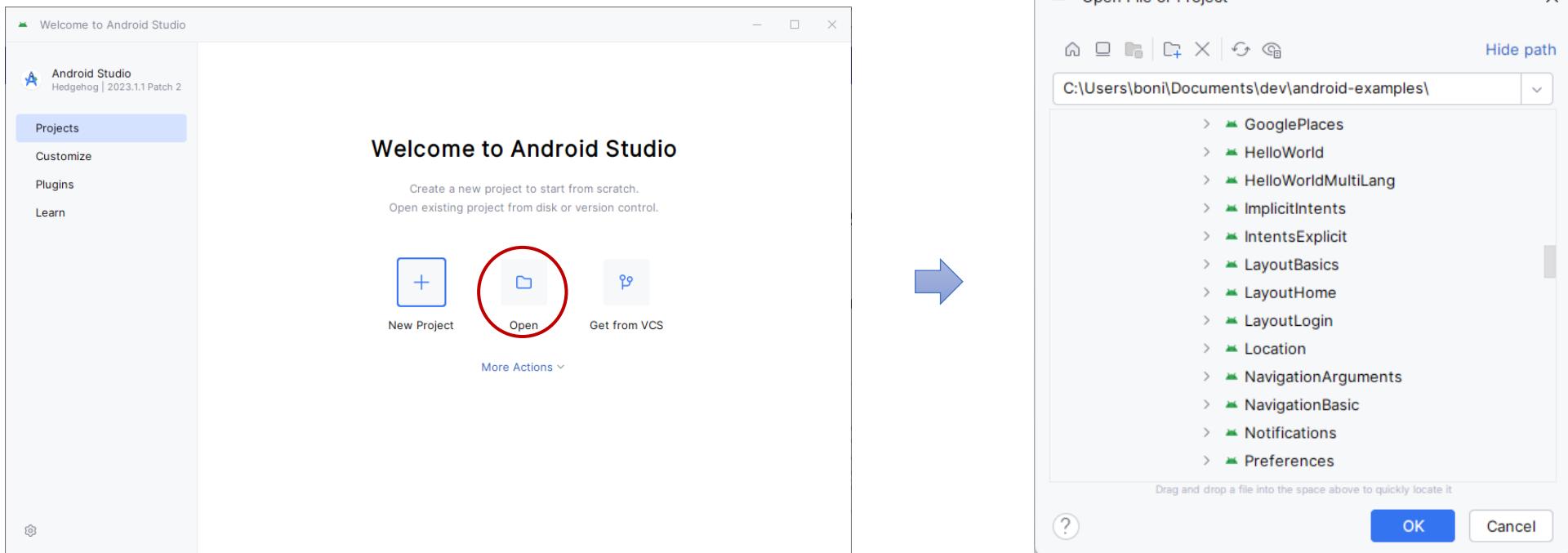
# 1. Introduction

- In the context of mobile apps, the **User Interface (UI)** refers to the visual and interactive elements of an app that users interact with to perform tasks or access information
- The UI is a critical part of the overall user experience (UX) and includes:
  - Visual design: Layout, colors, typography, icons, and images
  - Interactive elements: Buttons, text fields, and other touchable components
  - Navigation: How users move between screens or sections of the app (e.g., tabs, menus, back buttons)
  - Responsiveness: How the UI adapts to different screen sizes, orientations, and devices (e.g., smartphones, tablets)
  - Accessibility: Features like larger text, voice commands, and screen readers to make the app usable for people with disabilities

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# 1. Introduction

- To follow the master lectures, it is recommended to clone the **GitHub examples repository** and import each app in Android Studio to play with it



<https://github.com/bonigarcia/android-examples/>

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## 2. Activities

- As we have seen, an **Activity** is a type of app component which represents a single screen with a UI, where users can perform interactions and tasks
  - App components (like activities) are implemented using specific classes (Kotlin or Java) and are declared in the Android manifest

AndroidManifest.xml

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<manifest xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android">

    <application
        android:icon="@mipmap/ic_launcher"
        android:label="@string/app_name"
        android:roundIcon="@mipmap/ic_launcher_round"
        android:theme="@style/Theme.HelloWorld">
        <activity
            android:name=".MainActivity"
            android:exported="true">
            <intent-filter>
                <action android:name="android.intent.action.MAIN" />
                <category android:name="android.intent.category.LAUNCHER" />
            </intent-filter>
        </activity>
    </application>

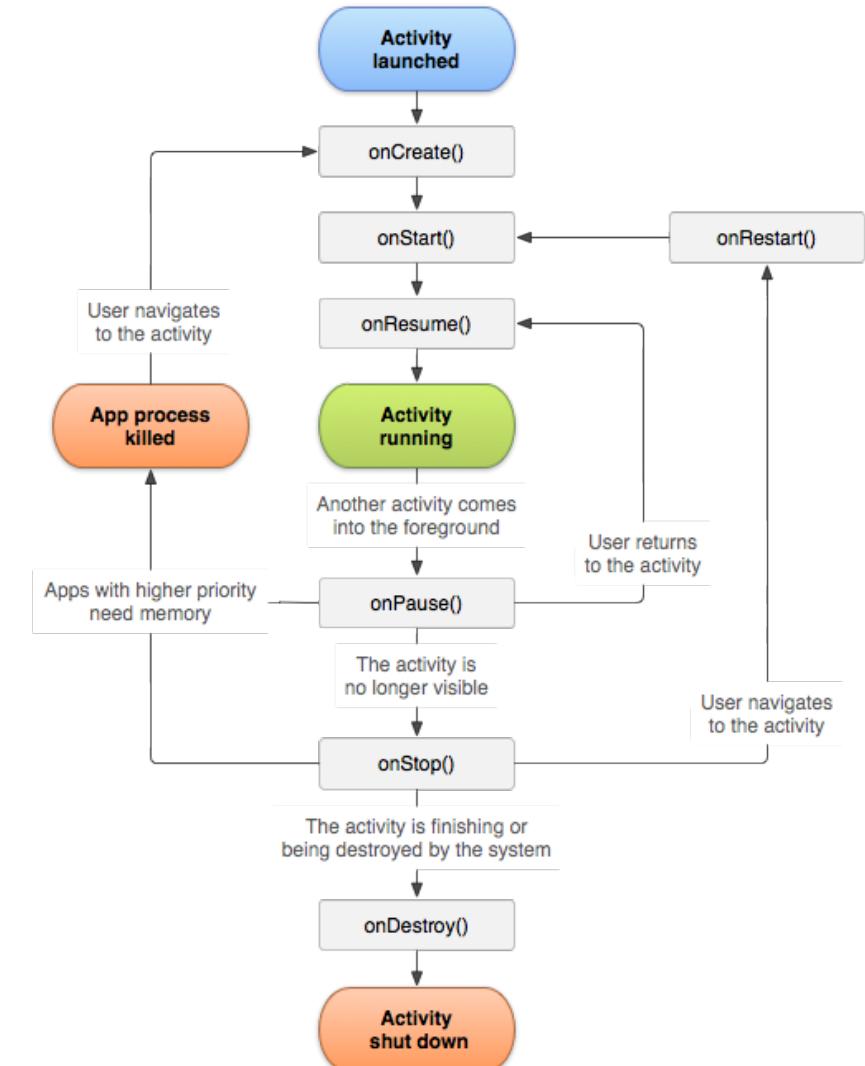
</manifest>
```

MainActivity.kt

```
class MainActivity : ComponentActivity() {
    override fun onCreate(savedInstanceState: Bundle?) {
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState)
        enableEdgeToEdge()
        setContent {
            HelloWorldTheme {
                Scaffold(modifier = Modifier.fillMaxSize()) { innerPadding ->
                    Greeting(
                        name = "Android",
                        modifier = Modifier.padding(innerPadding)
                    )
                }
            }
        }
    }
}
```

## 2. Activities

- Activities are managed by the Android system, and they go through different states such as "*created*," "*started*," "*resumed*," "*paused*," "*stopped*," and "*destroyed*" based on the user's interactions and the lifecycle of the app
- This **lifecycle** follows a state machine as depicted in this picture
- Android invokes Java/Kotlin methods defined in the Activities (called *callbacks*) when an activity enters a new state



<https://developer.android.com/guide/components/activities/activity-lifecycle>

# 2. Activities

- Let's analyze the activity in the hello-world app:

```
class MainActivity : ComponentActivity() {  
    override fun onCreate(savedInstanceState: Bundle?) {  
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState)  
        enableEdgeToEdge()  
        setContent {  
            HelloWorldTheme {  
                Scaffold(modifier = Modifier.fillMaxSize()) { innerPadding ->  
                    Greeting(  
                        name = "Android",  
                        modifier = Modifier.padding(innerPadding)  
                    )  
                }  
            }  
        }  
    }  
}
```

- `class MainActivity` → Kotlin class
- `ComponentActivity` → Parent class for activities (in Jetpack Compose)
- `override fun onCreate` → activity entry point
- `savedInstanceState: Bundle?` → parameter used to restore saved state when the activity is recreated. The operator ? allows this parameter to be null
- `super.onCreate(savedInstanceState)` → call to parent to ensure proper initialization

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# 3. Jetpack Compose

- We will use **Jetpack Compose** to create the UIs in Android
  - Jetpack Compose is a Google's modern toolkit for building native UI in Android applications, recommended in Modern Android Development (MAD)
  - It simplifies UI development by combining a declarative approach with a Kotlin-based syntax
  - Jetpack Compose is available since Android 8 (API level 21)
- Before Jetpack Compose, the traditional **Android View system** was imperative and based on XML to write UIs:
  - Views were inflated from XML layout files
  - Themes, styles, and value resources were also defined in XML files
  - For us to be able to access the views from XML files, we used view binding or data binding (e.g., `findViewById`)
  - This method of writing a UI required huge effort, requiring more boilerplate code and being error prone



# 3. Jetpack Compose

- A basic example (Hello World) using Java and XML layout:

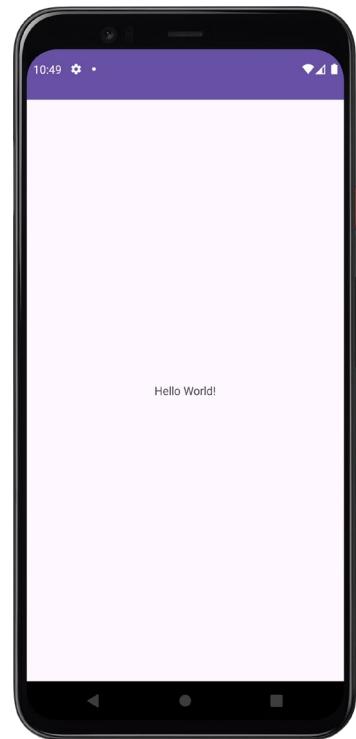
MainActivity.java

```
public class MainActivity extends AppCompatActivity {  
  
    @Override  
    protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {  
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);  
        setContentView(R.layout.activity_main);  
    }  
}
```



activity\_main.xml

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>  
<androidx.constraintlayout.widget.ConstraintLayout  
    xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"  
    xmlns:app="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res-auto"  
    xmlns:tools="http://schemas.android.com/tools"  
    android:layout_width="match_parent"  
    android:layout_height="match_parent"  
    tools:context=".MainActivity">  
  
    <TextView  
        android:layout_width="wrap_content"  
        android:layout_height="wrap_content"  
        android:text="Hello World!"  
        app:layout_constraintBottom_toBottomOf="parent"  
        app:layout_constraintEnd_toEndOf="parent"  
        app:layout_constraintStart_toStartOf="parent"  
        app:layout_constraintTop_toTopOf="parent" />  
  
</androidx.constraintlayout.widget.ConstraintLayout>
```



We don't study these XMLs in this course.  
These slides are only to illustrate how the  
legacy Android View system looked like

This layout contained only one visual  
element: a **TextView**, which displays  
some text to the user

# 3. Jetpack Compose

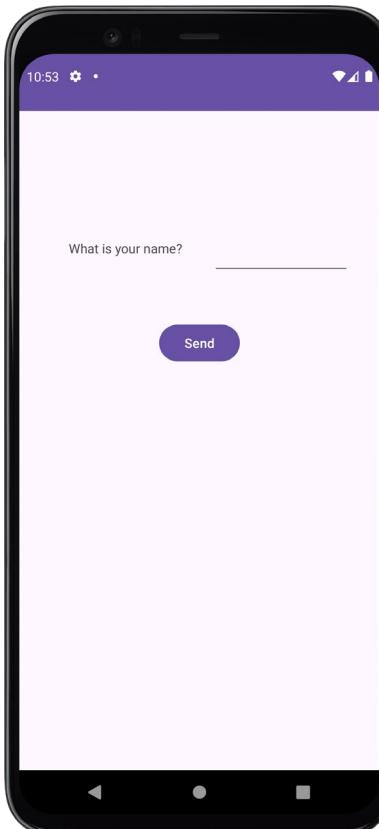
- Another example using XML:

```
public class MainActivity extends AppCompatActivity {

    @Override
    protected void onCreate(Bundle savedInstanceState) {
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState);
        setContentView(R.layout.activity_main);

        View button = findViewById(R.id.button);
        button.setOnClickListener(view -> {
            Intent intent = new Intent(getApplicationContext(), SecondActivity.class);
            EditText nameText = findViewById(R.id.editText);
            intent.putExtra("name", nameText.getText().toString());
            startActivity(intent);
        });
    }
}
```

XML-based views are still supported alongside Jetpack Compose for backward compatibility and mixed use cases where apps have both XML layouts and Jetpack Compose



```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<androidx.constraintlayout.widget.ConstraintLayout
    xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
    xmlns:app="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res-auto"
    xmlns:tools="http://schemas.android.com/tools"
    android:layout_width="match_parent"
    android:layout_height="match_parent"
    tools:context=".MainActivity">

    <TextView
        android:id="@+id/nameLabel"
        android:layout_width="wrap_content"
        android:layout_height="wrap_content"
        android:text="@string/edit_message"
        app:layout_constraintBottom_toBottomOf="parent"
        app:layout_constraintEnd_toEndOf="parent"
        app:layout_constraintHorizontal_bias="0.2"
        app:layout_constraintStart_toStartOf="parent"
        app:layout_constraintTop_toTopOf="parent"
        app:layout_constraintVertical_bias="0.2" />

    <EditText
        android:id="@+id/editText"
        android:layout_width="150dp"
        android:layout_height="wrap_content"
        app:layout_constraintBottom_toBottomOf="parent"
        app:layout_constraintEnd_toEndOf="parent"
        app:layout_constraintHorizontal_bias="0.5"
        app:layout_constraintStart_toEndOf="@+id/nameLabel"
        app:layout_constraintTop_toTopOf="parent"
        app:layout_constraintVertical_bias="0.2" />

    <Button
        android:id="@+id/button"
        android:layout_width="wrap_content"
        android:layout_height="wrap_content"
        android:text="@string/button_send"
        app:layout_constraintBottom_toBottomOf="parent"
        app:layout_constraintEnd_toEndOf="parent"
        app:layout_constraintHorizontal_bias="0.5"
        app:layout_constraintStart_toStartOf="parent"
        app:layout_constraintTop_toBottomOf="@+id/editText"
        app:layout_constraintVertical_bias="0.1" />

</androidx.constraintlayout.widget.ConstraintLayout>
```

# 3. Jetpack Compose

- The advantages of Jetpack Compose are:
  - Kotlin-based
    - The code we write is only in Kotlin, rather than having it split between Java/Kotlin and XML
  - Less boilerplate
    - Compose allows us to do more with less code, compared to the XML view system
  - Declarative
    - Compose allows you to describe “what” the UI should look like instead of “how” to draw it. This makes the code cleaner and easier to read
  - Reactive
    - The UI is data-driven and automatically reacts to changes in state, eliminating the need for manually updating views with `findViewById` or `notifyDataSetChanged`
  - High performance
    - Jetpack Compose uses a highly optimized rendering engine, and the framework has built-in mechanisms for efficient UI updates
  - Rich tooling support
    - Live preview: Developers can preview UI changes directly in Android Studio without running the app on a device/emulator
    - Compose preview: Multiple preview modes (e.g., light/dark themes, device sizes) simplify design testing

# 3. Jetpack Compose - Setup

build.gradle.kts

```
android {  
    buildFeatures {  
        compose = true  
    }  
}
```

build.gradle.kts

```
dependencies {  
    implementation(libs.androidx.core.ktx)  
    implementation(libs.androidx.lifecycle.runtime.ktx)  
    implementation(libs.androidx.activity.compose)  
    implementation(platform(libs.androidx.compose.bom))  
    implementation(libs.androidx.ui)  
    implementation(libs.androidx.ui.graphics)  
    implementation(libs.androidx.ui.tooling.preview)  
    implementation(libs.androidx.material3)  
    debugImplementation(libs.androidx.ui.tooling)  
    debugImplementation(libs.androidx.ui.test.manifest)  
}
```

libs.version.toml

```
[versions]  
agp = "8.8.0"  
kotlin = "2.1.10"  
coreKtx = "1.15.0"  
lifecycleRuntimeKtx = "2.8.7"  
activityCompose = "1.10.0"  
composeBom = "2025.01.01"  
  
[libraries]  
androidx-core-ktx = { group = "androidx.core", name = "core-ktx", version.ref = "coreKtx" }  
androidx-lifecycle-runtime-ktx = { group = "androidx.lifecycle", name = "lifecycle-runtime-ktx", version.ref = "lifecycleRuntimeKtx" }  
androidx-activity-compose = { group = "androidx.activity", name = "activity-compose", version.ref = "activityCompose" }  
androidx-compose-bom = { group = "androidx.compose", name = "compose-bom", version.ref = "composeBom" }  
androidx-ui = { group = "androidx.compose.ui", name = "ui" }  
androidx-ui-graphics = { group = "androidx.compose.ui", name = "ui-graphics" }  
androidx-ui-tooling = { group = "androidx.compose.ui", name = "ui-tooling" }  
androidx-ui-tooling-preview = { group = "androidx.compose.ui", name = "ui-tooling-preview" }  
androidx-ui-test-manifest = { group = "androidx.compose.ui", name = "ui-test-manifest" }  
androidx-ui-test-junit4 = { group = "androidx.compose.ui", name = "ui-test-junit4" }  
androidx-material3 = { group = "androidx.compose.material3", name = "material3" }
```

To use Jetpack Compose, we need to set up our Android project (using Gradle) with the necessary configuration and dependencies

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# 4. Compose functions

- A **composable** (or **compose function**) is a Kotlin function that defines a piece of UI
  - Composables are the building block of Jetpack Compose
  - Composables are annotated with `@Composable` and describes how a portion of the UI should look based on the current state
- Key characteristics:
  - Declarative: instead of imperatively defining how the UI should change (as in traditional Android Views), we describe what the UI should look like
  - Reusable: Compose functions can be called from other Compose functions, making them modular and reusable
  - State-driven: composable react to changes in state (i.e., the data that affects the UI). When the state changes, the composable function is recomposed (re-drawn) to reflect the new state

# 4. Compose functions

- Let's analyze how composables work in the hello-world app:

```
class MainActivity : ComponentActivity() {  
    override fun onCreate(savedInstanceState: Bundle?) {  
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState)  
        enableEdgeToEdge()  
        setContent {  
            HelloWorldTheme {  
                Scaffold(modifier = Modifier.fillMaxSize()) { innerPadding ->  
                    Greeting(  
                        name = "Android",  
                        modifier = Modifier.padding(innerPadding)  
                    )  
                }  
            }  
        }  
    }  
  
    @Composable  
    fun Greeting(name: String, modifier: Modifier = Modifier) {  
        Text(  
            text = "Hello $name!",  
            modifier = modifier  
        )  
    }  
}
```

- `@Composable` → Annotation to mark the function as a compose function
- `Greeting` → The name of the function. It takes a string parameter (`name: String`) and displays it in a `Text` composable
- `modifier: Modifier = Modifier` → A modifier is an object that allows us to decorate or modify a composable. This parameter has a default value, i.e., an empty modifier (`Modifier`) which means no modifications applied
- `Text` → A built-in composable that displays text on the screen

# 4. Compose functions

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        enableEdgeToEdge()  
        setContent {  
            HelloWorldTheme {  
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                        name = "Android",  
                        modifier = Modifier.padding(innerPadding)  
                    )  
                }  
            }  
        }  
    }  
  
    @Composable  
    fun Greeting(name: String, modifier: Modifier = Modifier) {  
        Text(  
            text = "Hello $name!",  
            modifier = modifier  
        )  
    }  
}
```

- `enableEdgeToEdge()` → draw app content behind the status bar
- `setContent` → method provided by the parent class that takes a composable function as argument and renders it as the root of the UI
- `HelloWorldTheme` → custom composable that applies a Material Design theme to our app (explained latter)
- `Scaffold()` → Recommended Material Design layout structure
- `modifier = Modifier.fillMaxSize()` → ensures the Scaffold expands to fill the entire screen
- `innerPadding` → parameter in lambda expression used to ensure that the content doesn't overlap with system UI elements (e.g., status bar, navigation bar)
- `Greeting(...)` → Call to our composable function

# 4. Compose functions

```
@Preview(showBackground = true)
@Composable
fun GreetingPreview() {
    HelloWorldTheme {
        Greeting("Android")
    }
}
```

- `@Preview` → Annotation that tells Android Studio that this composable should be shown in the design view (it has no impact in runtime)

The screenshot shows the Android Studio interface. On the left is the code editor with `MainActivity.kt`. The code defines a `GreetingPreview` function that creates a `Greeting` composable with the string "Android". The code editor has line numbers from 28 to 63. On the right is the design view, which displays a card with the text "Hello Android!". A red circle highlights the "Up-to-date" status indicator at the top right of the design view.

```
28 import androidx.compose.ui.Modifier
29 import androidx.compose.ui.tooling.preview.Preview
30 import es.uc3m.android.helloworld.ui.theme.HelloWorldTheme
31
32 @Preview(showBackground = true)
33 @Composable
34 fun GreetingPreview() {
35     HelloWorldTheme {
36         Greeting("Android")
37     }
38 }
39
40 @Composable
41 fun Greeting(name: String, modifier: Modifier = Modifier) {
42     Text(
43         text = "Hello $name!",
44         modifier = modifier
45     )
46 }
47
48
49
50 @Preview(showBackground = true)
51 @Composable
52 fun GreetingPreview() {
53     HelloWorldTheme {
54         Greeting("Android")
55     }
56 }
57
58
59
60
61
62
63 }
```

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# 4. Compose functions

- A Compose UI is built as a hierarchy of compose functions. Each composable can contain others composables, forming a tree-like structure
  - In the hello-world example the composable hierarchy is:

```
HelloWorldTheme
  └─ MaterialTheme
    └─ Scaffold
      └─ Greeting
        └─ Text
```

- When the **Greeting** function is called, Compose renders the **Text** composable with the provided name
- If the **state** (i.e., the data that can change over time and affects the UI –the variable **name** in this example–) changes, Compose automatically **recomposes** (redraws) the UI to reflect the new value



# 4. Compose functions

We study these composables  
in the following sections

- Jetpack Compose provides a rich set of built-in composable functions:
  1. Basic components: used to create the UI, e.g., Text, Button, Image, Icon
  2. Modifiers: used to customize the appearance and behavior of composables, e.g., padding, fillMaxSize, background, clickable
  3. Layouts: used to define the structure of the UI, e.g., Column, Row, Box, Spacer, Scaffold, Surface
  4. Theming: used to handle the styles for an app: MaterialTheme
  5. State management: used to handle the UI state, e.g., mutableStateOf, remember, rememberSaveable
  6. List and grids: used to display a group of elements, e.g., LazyColumn, LazyRow, LazyVerticalGrid, LazyHorizontalGrid
  7. Navigation: used to change between different screens, e.g., NavHost
  8. Animations: used to provide transitions to our apps, e.g., animate\*AsState, AnimatedVisibility

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# 5. Basic components

- The Text Composable is used to display a text string
  - It can be customized with the attributes `fontSize`, `color`, `fontWeight`, etc.
    - Nevertheless, it is not recommended to change this attributes individually (instead, we will use global theme styles)

```
Text(  
    text = "Hello, Compose!",  
    fontSize = 20.sp,  
    color = Color.Blue,  
    fontWeight = FontWeight.Bold  
)
```



TextSample  
**Hello, Compose!**

- The Button Composable displays a clickable button with a text label
  - It handles clicks using the `onClick` lambda

```
Button(onClick = { /* Handle click */ }) {  
    Text("Click Me")  
}
```



ButtonSample  
**Click Me**

# 5. Basic components

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- The **Image Composable** is used to display an image
  - It can load images from resources, URIs, or bitmaps

```
Image(  
    painter = painterResource(id = R.drawable.ic_launcher_foreground),  
    contentDescription = "App Icon"  
)
```



ImageSample



- The **Icon Composable** displays an icon
  - It handles clicks using the onClick lambda

```
Icon(  
    painter = painterResource(R.drawable.baseline_directions_bus_24),  
    contentDescription = "App Icon"  
)
```



IconSample



We study how to get  
graphics from the  
resources in the next  
section

<https://developer.android.com/develop/ui/compose/graphics>

# 5. Basic components - Modifiers

- Modifiers are compose functions that allow us to decorate or augment (i.e., style, position, and add behavior) another composables
- Common modifiers are:
  - *padding*: Adds space around the composable (`top`, `bottom`, `start`, `end`)
  - *fillMaxSize*: Makes the composable fill the available space in its parent layout, both in terms of width and height
  - *fillMaxWidth*: Makes the composable fill the maximum width given to it from its parent
  - *fillMaxHeight*: Makes the composable fill the maximum height given to it from its parent
  - *clickable*: Makes the composable respond to clicks
  - *background*: Sets the background color

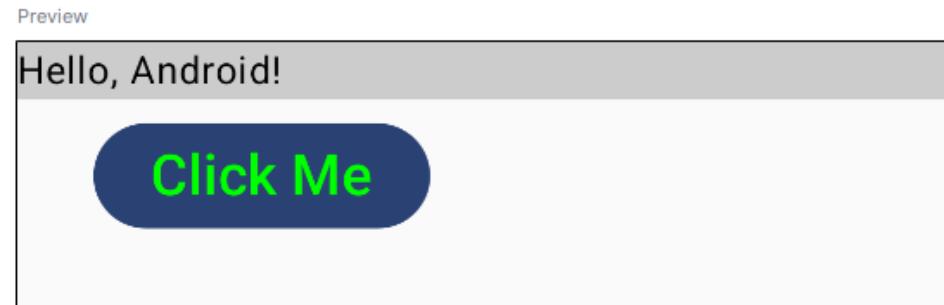
<https://developer.android.com/develop/ui/compose/modifiers>

# 5. Basic components - Modifiers

- A basic example using some modifiers:

```
@Composable
fun Greeting(name: String, modifier: Modifier = Modifier) {
    Text(
        text = "Hello, $name!",
        modifier = modifier
            .fillMaxWidth()
            .background(Color.LightGray)
    )
    Button(
        onClick = {
            println("TODO handle click")
        },
        modifier = modifier.padding(32.dp)
    ) {
        Text(
            text = "Click Me",
            fontSize = 24.sp,
            color = Color.Green
        )
    }
}

@Preview(showBackground = true)
@Composable
fun Preview() {
    MyAppTheme {
        Greeting("Android")
    }
}
```



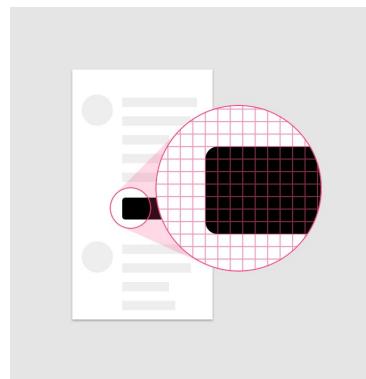
# 5. Basic components - Units of measurement

- Handling measurements is fundamental to ensure that our app's UI looks consistent and scales correctly across devices with different screen sizes and densities. Common units of measurement are:
  - Density-independent pixels (*dp*)
    - Purpose: used for layout dimensions (e.g., padding, margins, width, height)
    - Behavior: scales based on the screen's density
    - Use case: responsive designs
  - Scale-independent pixels (*sp*)
    - Purpose: used for text sizes
    - Behavior: scales based on the screen's density and the user's font size preferences
    - Use case: similar to dps, but adjusts for the user's preferred text size
  - Pixels (*px*)
    - Purpose: rarely used directly. Represents actual screen pixels
    - Behavior: does not scale with screen density
    - Use case: only use px for very specific cases (e.g., custom drawing or precise control)

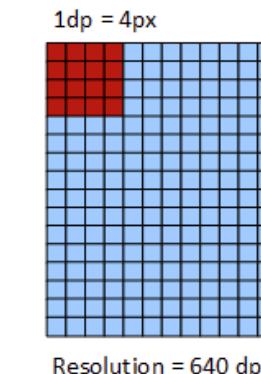
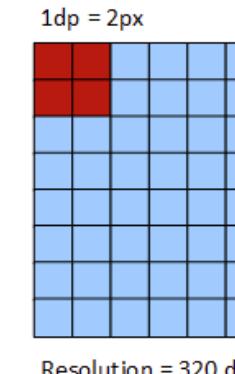
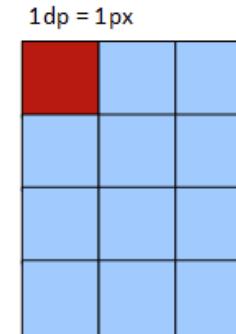
# 5. Basic components - Units of measurement

- A pixel (px) is the smallest unit of display on a screen
  - Each pixel represents a single point of color
- Density-independent pixels (dp or dpi) refers to the number of pixels that fit into an inch
  - For example, 1 dp is equal to 1 pixel on a medium-density screen (160 dpi) and it automatically scales on screens with higher densities

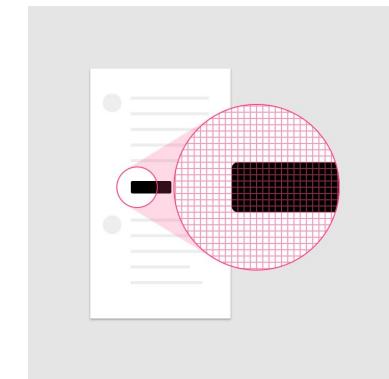
Low-density display



Red square in different resolutions: 1dp wide, 1dp high



High-density display



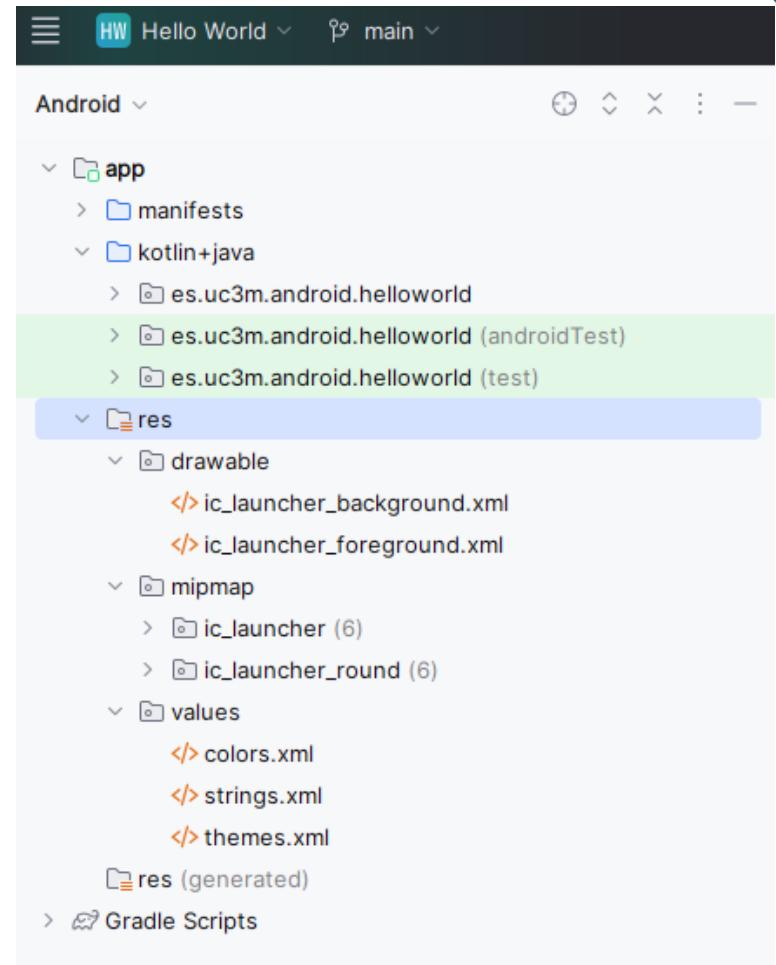
$$px = dp * (dpi / 160)$$

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# 6. Resources

- Resources are the additional files and static content that your app uses, such as images, icons, or, strings
- These resources are located in a folder called `res` within the app module
- We can use these resources in the Kotlin code using the class `R` (a dynamically generated class created during build process to map all resources)

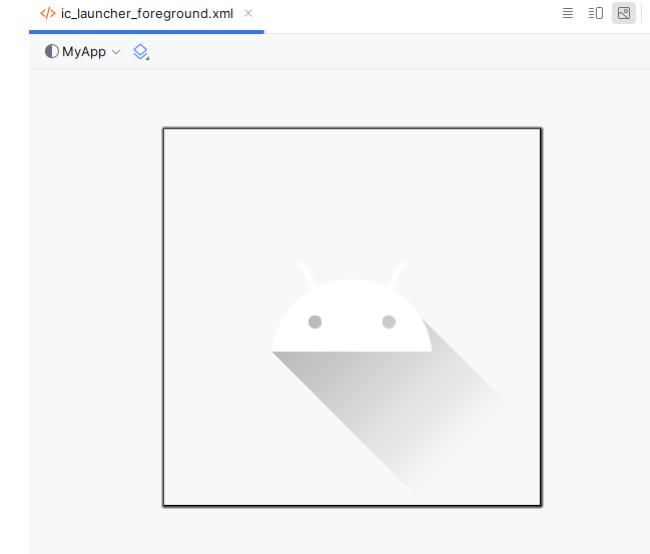
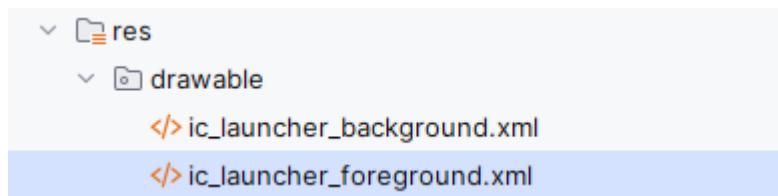


<https://developer.android.com/guide/topics/resources/providing-resources>

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# 6. Resources - Drawable

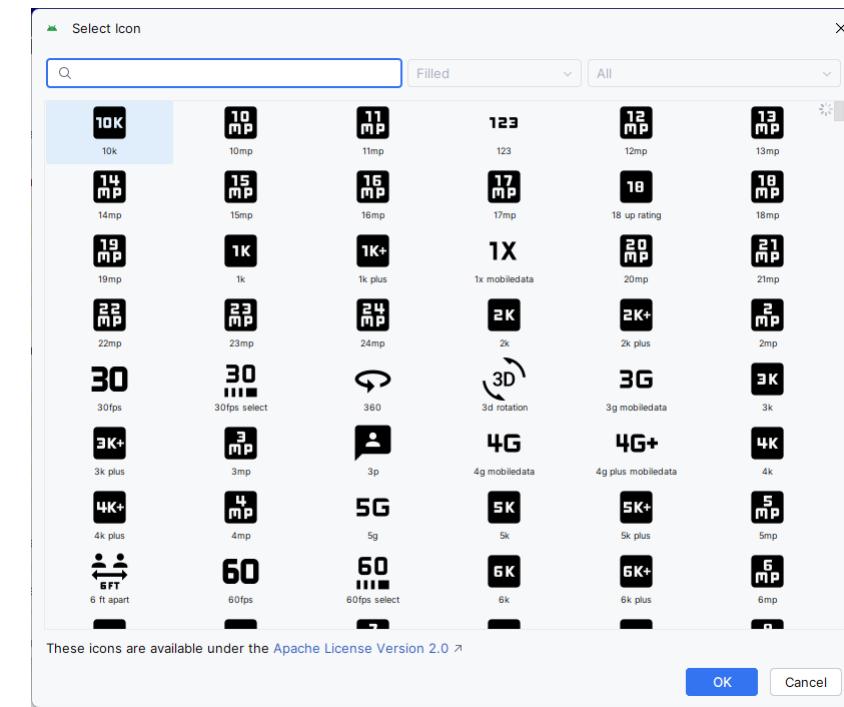
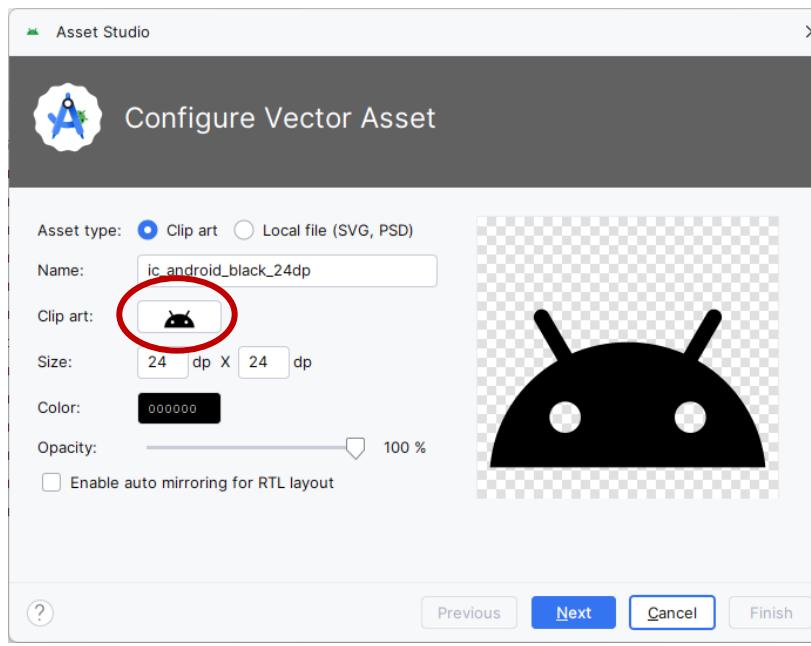
- Drawable resources are pictures in the following formats:
  - Bitmap images in PNG, JPG, or other format
  - XML-based vector images
- Android Studio provides a couple of XML-based vector images used for the app icon



<https://developer.android.com/guide/topics/resources/drawable-resource>

# 6. Resources - Drawable

- Android Studio provides a graphical tool to include XML-based vector images for our app:
  - File → New → Vector Asset

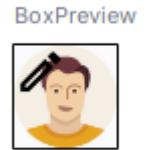


# 6. Resources - Drawable

- We can include custom pictures in the drawable folder and use them in our composables:



```
Image(  
    bitmap = ImageBitmap.imageResource(R.drawable.user_icon),  
    contentDescription = "Developer image"  
)
```

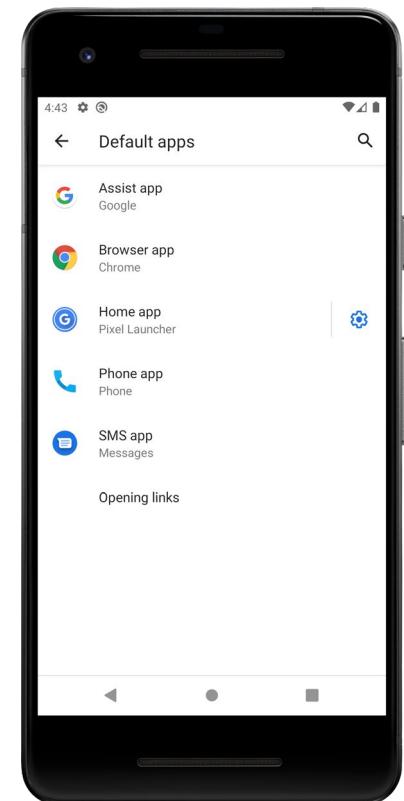
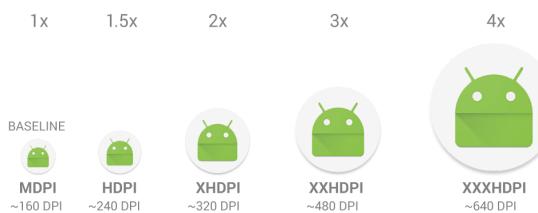
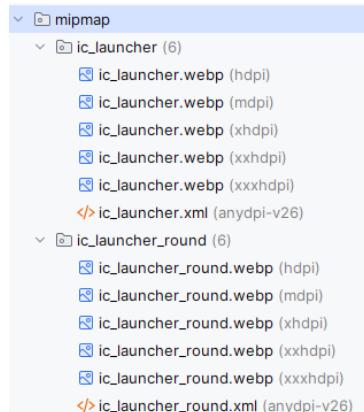


```
Icon(  
    painter = painterResource(R.drawable.baseline_directions_bus_24),  
    contentDescription = "App Icon"  
)
```



# 6. Resources - Mipmap

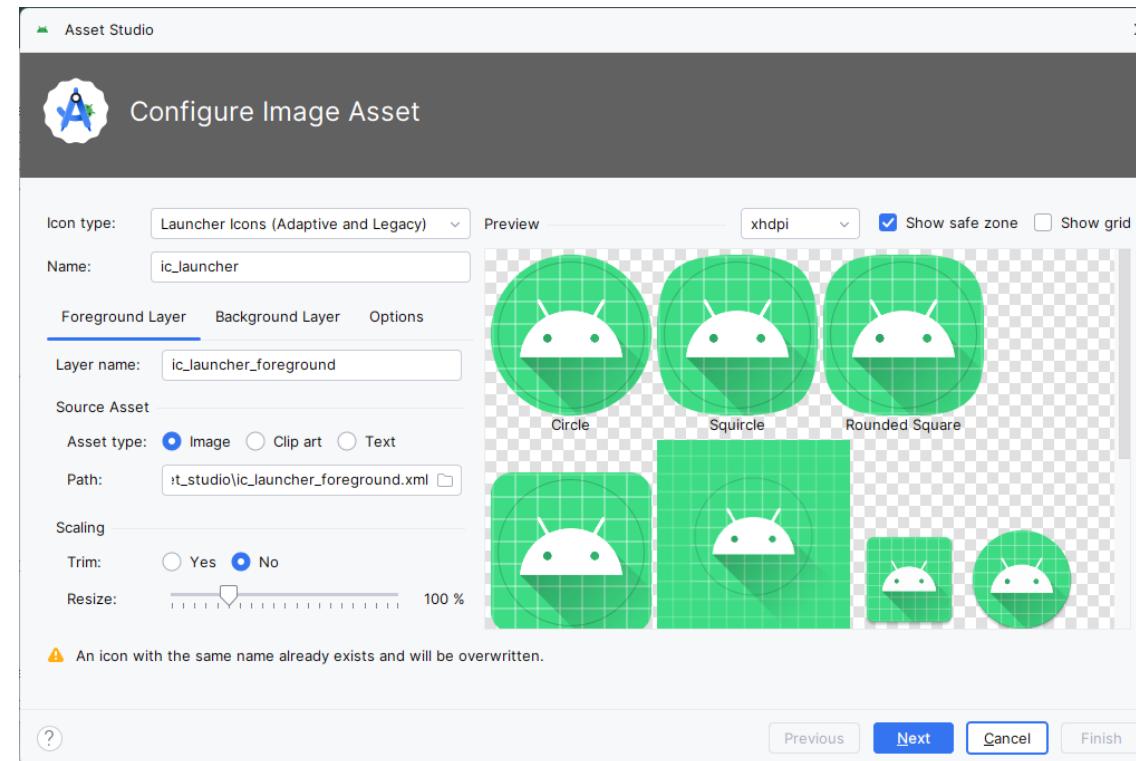
- The mipmap folder(s) provide contains the icons used by the **launcher**
  - The launcher in Android is an app that provides the home screen and overall navigation of the device, allowing to execute the rest of the apps
  - We can configure the Launcher app in Settings→Apps→Default apps
- Since Android runs on a variety of devices that have different screen sizes and pixel densities, it is a good practice to provide icons different pixel densities



<https://developer.android.com/training/multiscreen/screendensities>

# 6. Resources - Mipmap

- Android Studio provides a graphical tools to create icons for our app:
  - File → New → Image Asset



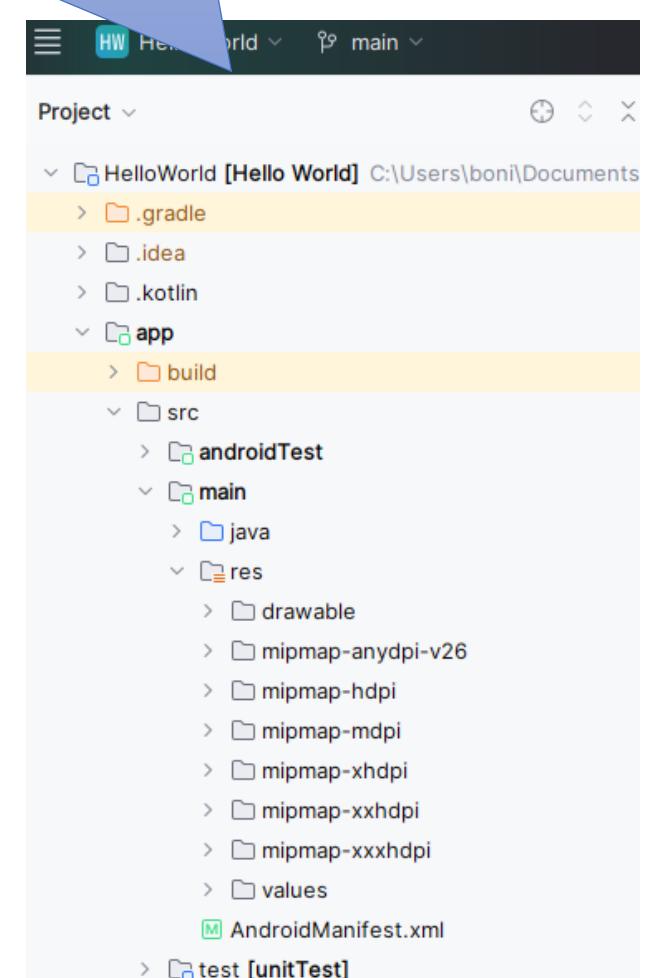
<https://developer.android.com/studio/write/create-app-icons>

# 6. Resources - Mipmap

- The common screen densities are the following:

Density	Description
ldpi	Low-density ( <i>ldpi</i> ) screens (~120dpi)
mdpi	Medium-density ( <i>mdpi</i> ) screens (~160dpi)
hdpi	High-density ( <i>hdpi</i> ) screens (~240dpi)
xhdpi	Extra-high-density ( <i>xhdpi</i> ) screens (~320dpi)
xxhdpi	Extra-extra-high-density ( <i>xxhdpi</i> ) screens (~480dpi)
xxxhdpi	Extra-extra-extra-high-density ( <i>xxxhdpi</i> ) uses (~640dpi)
nodpi	These are density-independent resources
tvdpi	Smart TVs screens between mdpi and hdpi (~213dpi)

We can use these density labels as **resource qualifiers**, i.e., alternative resources based on screen densities.



<https://developer.android.com/guide/topics/resources/providing-resources>

# 6. Resources - Qualifiers

- Resource qualifiers in Android allows us to provide alternative resources (e.g., drawables, strings) tailored for different devices
- By using resource qualifiers, we can ensure that our app looks and behaves optimally across a wide range of devices and user settings
- Each version of the resource file is placed in a resource directory with a specific qualifier appended to its name
- At runtime, the Android system automatically selects the most appropriate resource file based on the device's current configuration

<https://developer.android.com/studio/write/add-resources>

# 6. Resources - Values

- The value folder contains XML files with simple values, such as strings or colors
- For creating alternative string resources for different languages (i.e., to create multi language apps), we need to use a locale qualifier ([ISO 639-1 codes](#)), for instance:
  - string-es.xml : For Spanish language
  - string-es-rES.xml : For Spanish language and Spain region
- A simple way to include these locale message (for multilanguage apps) is by using Android Studio

<https://developer.android.com/guide/topics/resources/providing-resources>

# 6. Resources - Values

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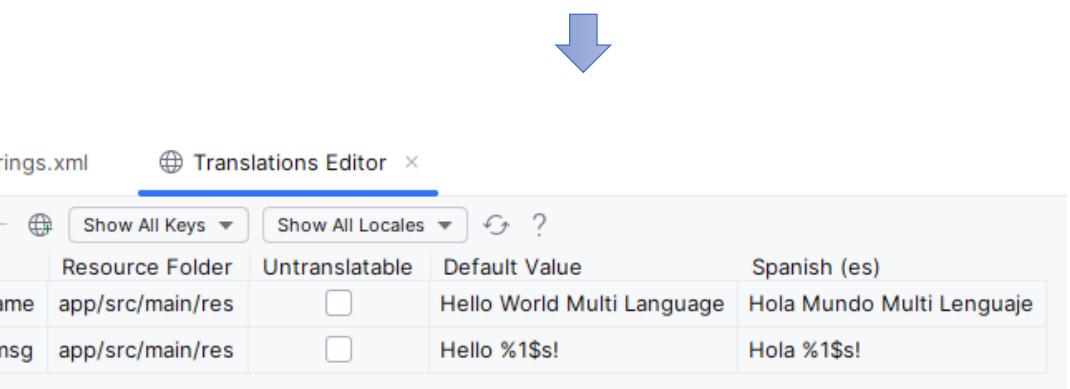
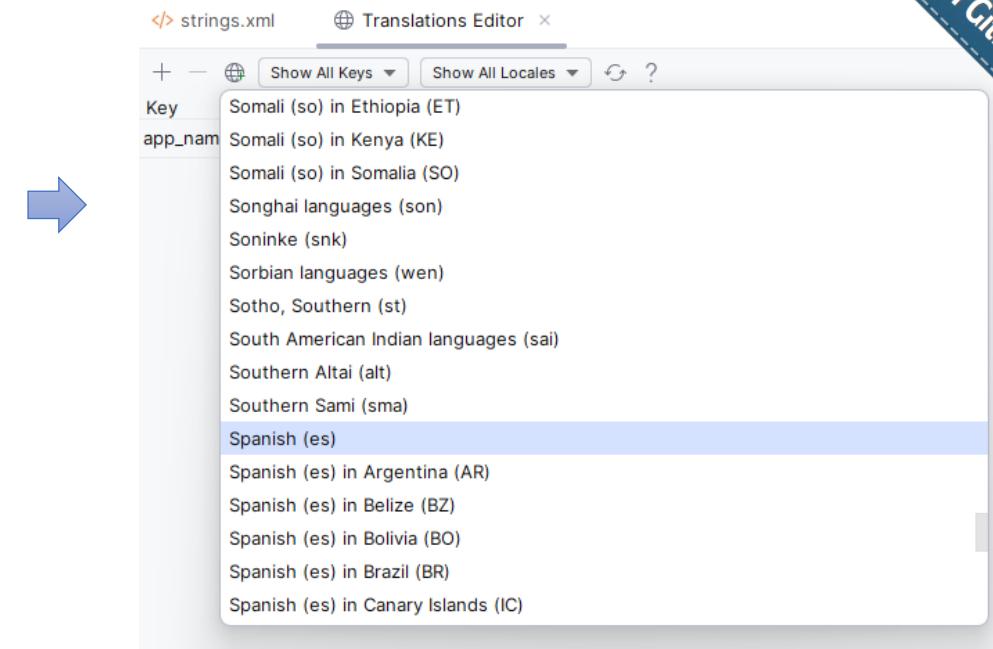


```
</resources>
```

1 <resources>  
2 <string name="app\_name">Hello World</string>  
3 </resources>

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Finally, we read the  
string values from our  
composables

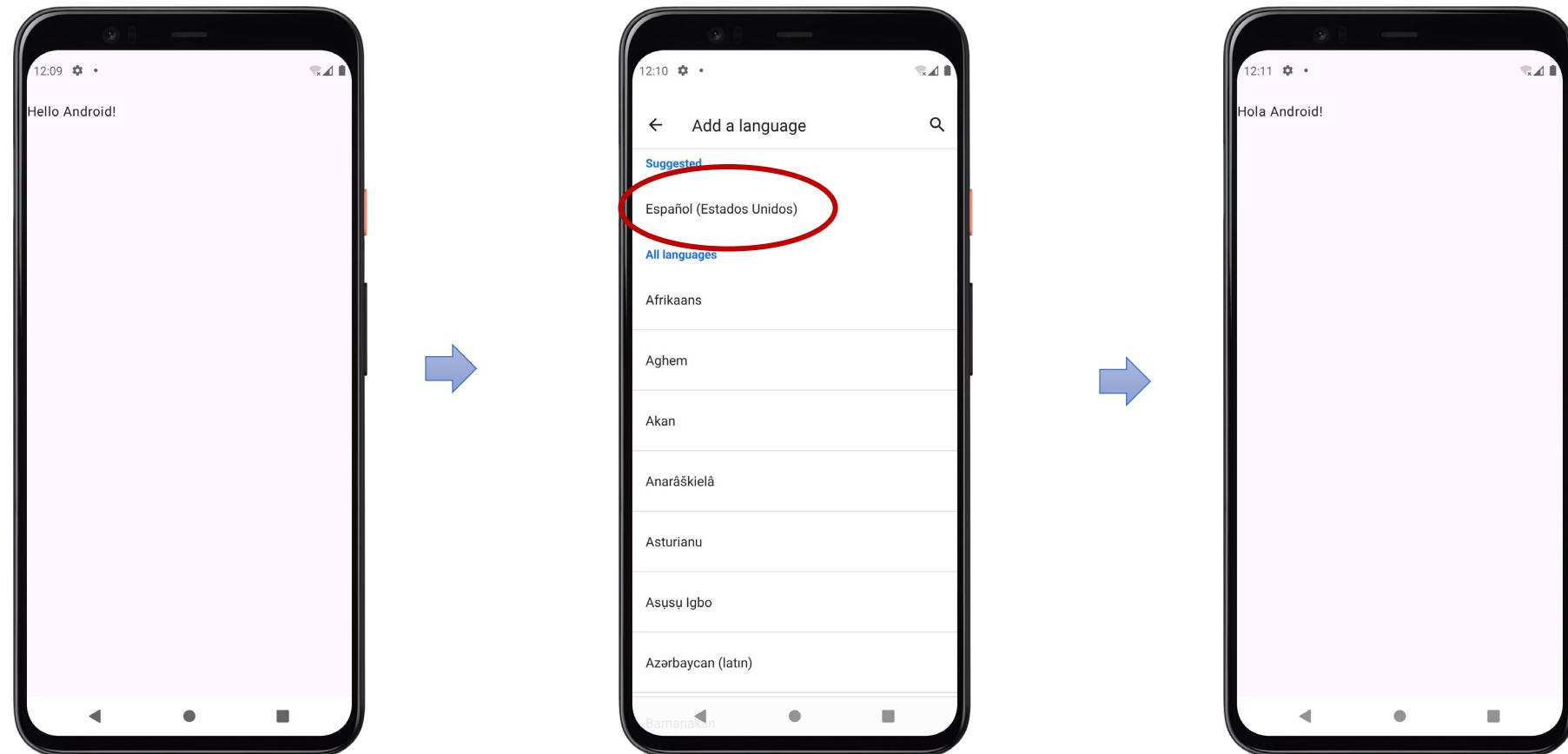


Key	Resource Folder	Untranslatable	Default Value	Spanish (es)
app_name	app/src/main/res	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hello World Multi Language	Hola Mundo Multi Lenguaje
hello_msg	app/src/main/res	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hello %1\$s!	Hola %1\$s!

```
@Composable  
fun Greeting(name: String, modifier: Modifier = Modifier) {  
    Text(  
        text = stringResource(R.string.hello_msg, name),  
        modifier = modifier  
    )  
}
```

# 6. Resources - Values

- If we change the system language (Settings → System → Language & input → Language), our app will use the locale messages



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# 7. Layouts

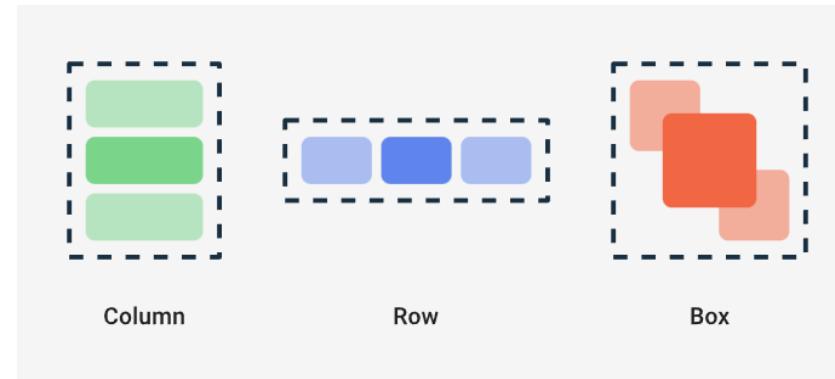
- If we don't provide some guidance to organize our UI elements, they are arranged in the screen in a way we don't like
  - To avoid this problem, we need to organize the UI elements using a layout



- A **layout** refers to the arrangement and organization of visual elements within a screen and determines how components are positioned relative to each other

# 7. Layouts

- Compose provides a collection of built-in **layouts** to help us arrange our UI elements. The basic composable layouts are:
  - Column to place items vertically on the screen
  - Row to place items horizontally on the screen
  - Box to put elements on top of another
  - Spacer to adds empty space between composables



<https://developer.android.com/develop/ui/compose/layouts/basics>

# 7. Layouts

## Column layout

```
@Composable  
fun DevCardColumn() {  
    Column {  
        Text("John Doe")  
        Text("Developer")  
    }  
}
```



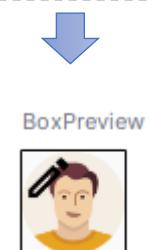
## Row layout

```
@Composable  
fun DevCardRow() {  
    Row {  
        Text("John Doe")  
        Text(" - ")  
        Text("Developer")  
    }  
}
```



## Box layout

```
@Composable  
fun DevCardBox() {  
    Box {  
        Image(  
            bitmap = ImageBitmap.imageResource(R.drawable.user_icon),  
            contentDescription = "Developer image"  
        )  
        Icon(  
            imageVector = Icons.Outlined.Edit,  
            contentDescription = "Edit user"  
        )  
    }  
}
```

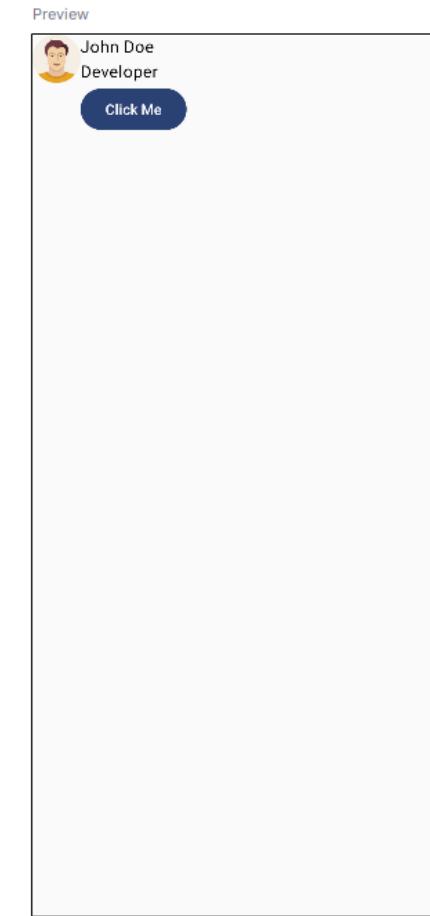


# 7. Layouts

```
data class Developer(var name: String, var role: String)

@Composable
fun DevLayout(developer: Developer) {
    Row {
        Image(
            bitmap = ImageBitmap.imageResource(R.drawable.user_icon),
            contentDescription = "Developer image"
        )
        Column {
            Text(developer.name)
            Text(developer.role)
            Button(
                onClick = {
                    Log.d("MainActivity", "Button clicked")
                },
                content = {
                    Text("Click Me")
                }
            )
        }
    }
}

@Preview(showBackground = true)
@Composable
fun Preview() {
    MyAppTheme {
        DevLayout(Developer("John Doe", "Developer"))
    }
}
```



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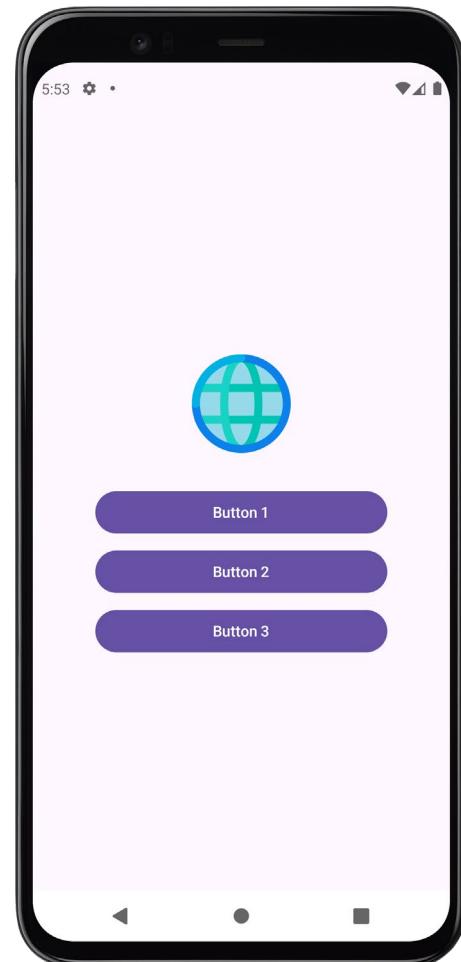
# 7. Layouts

- The following example shows a more elaborated layout using basic elements:

```
@Composable
fun MyLayout(modifier: Modifier = Modifier) {
    Row {
        // Left spacer (15% width)
        Spacer(
            modifier = modifier
                .weight(0.15f)
                .fillMaxHeight()
        )

        // Middle content (70% width)
        Box(
            modifier = modifier
                .weight(0.7f)
                .fillMaxHeight(),
            contentAlignment = Alignment.Center
        ) {
            Column(
                horizontalAlignment = Alignment.CenterHorizontally
            ) {
                // Logo and buttons
            }
        }

        // Right spacer (15% width)
        Spacer(
            modifier = modifier
                .weight(0.15f)
                .fillMaxHeight()
        )
    }
}
```



# 7. Layouts - Constraint layout

- ConstraintLayout is a layout that allows you to place composables relative to other composables on the screen
  - It is an alternative to using multiple nested Row, Column, and Box
  - ConstraintLayout is useful when implementing responsive layouts with complicated alignment requirements
- To use ConstraintLayout, first we need to include the following dependency in our project:

```
build.gradle.kts
```

```
dependencies {  
    implementation(Libs.androidx.constraintLayout.compose)  
}
```

```
libs.version.toml
```

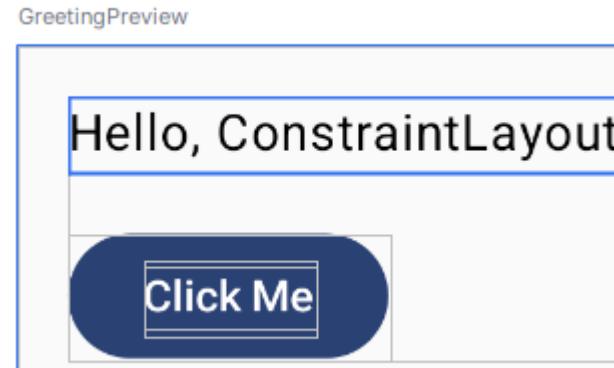
```
[versions]  
constraintlayoutCompose = "1.1.0"
```

```
[libraries]  
androidx-constraintlayout-compose = { module = "androidx.constraintlayout:constraintlayout-compose", version.ref = "constraintlayoutCompose" }
```

<https://developer.android.com/develop/ui/compose/layouts/constraintlayout>

# 7. Layouts - Constraint layout

- We define constraints (e.g., `start`, `end`, `top`, `bottom`) between composables to position them relative to each other or to the parent
  - It also allows us to create barriers (dynamic boundaries) and guidelines (fixed or percentage-based lines) for advanced layouts
- Let's see the following example:



# 7. Layouts - Constraint layout

```
@Composable
fun MyConstraintLayout(modifier: Modifier = Modifier) {
    ConstraintLayout(
        modifier = modifier
    ) {
        // Create references for the components
        val (text, button) = createRefs()

        // Text component
        Text(
            text = stringResource(R.string.hello_msg),
            modifier = Modifier
                .constrainAs(text) {
                    top.linkTo(parent.top, margin = 16.dp)
                    start.linkTo(parent.start, margin = 16.dp)
                }
        )

        // Button component
        Button(
            onClick = {
                // TODO: Handle click
            },
            modifier = Modifier
                .constrainAs(button) {
                    top.linkTo(text.bottom, margin = 16.dp)
                    start.linkTo(parent.start, margin = 16.dp)
                }
        ) {
            Text(stringResource(R.string.button_msg))
        }
    }
}
```



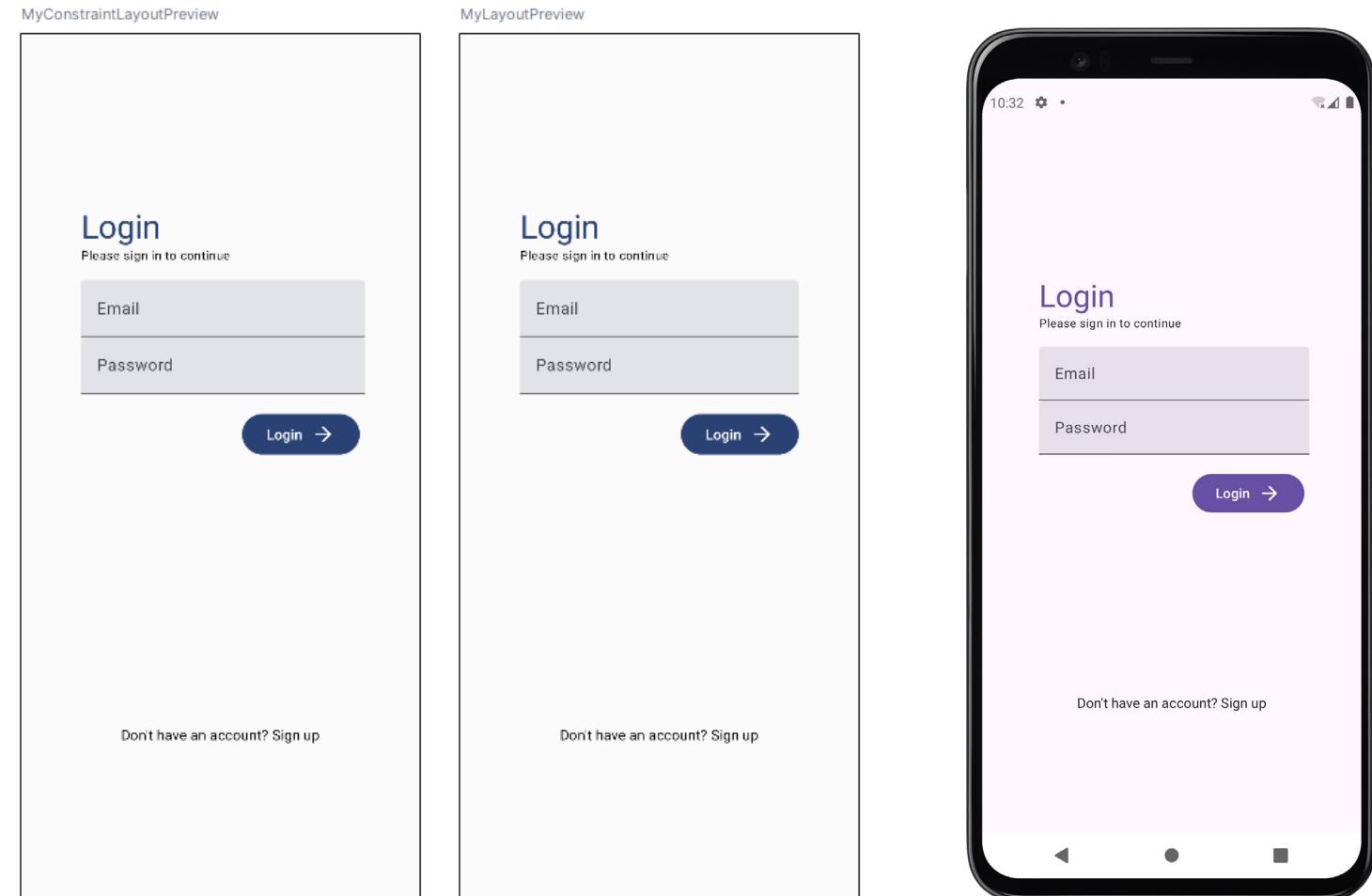
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# 7. Layouts - Constraint layout

- The following example contains a more elaborated layout using constraints:

This example also contains the equivalent layout but using the nested Row, Column, and Box



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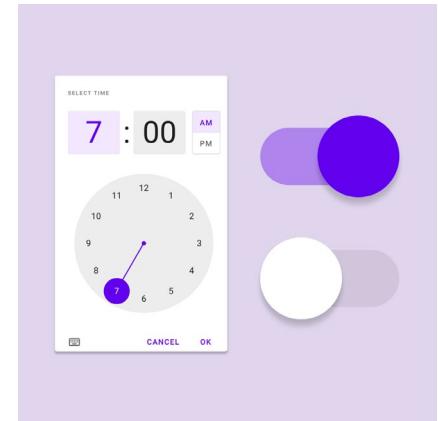
# 8. Theme

- A **theme** is a collection of **styles** (e.g., colors, fonts, dimensions) that define the overall look and feel of an app
- *Theming* refers to the process of defining and applying a consistent visual style across an app, and its purpose is:
  - Consistency: Ensures that all screens and components in the app look and behave consistently
  - Branding: Reflects the app's brand identity through colors, fonts, and shapes
  - Adaptability: Supports light and dark themes, as well as other device-specific configurations (e.g., screen size, orientation)
  - Maintainability: Centralizes style definitions, making it easier to update the app's appearance

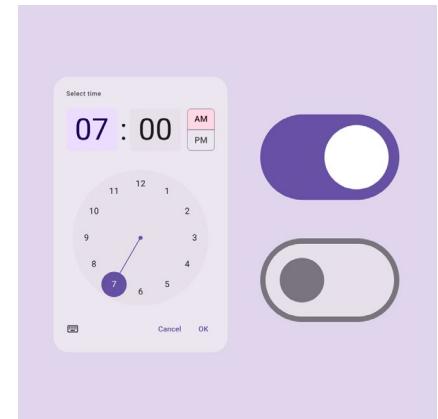
<https://developer.android.com/design/ui/mobile/guides/styles/themes>

# 8. Theme

- **Material Design** is a design language developed by Google that aims to create a unified and consistent look and feel across different platforms and devices
  - It was introduced in 2014 and has since become a standard for designing Android applications, web applications, and other digital products
- Material Design provides a set of guidelines, principles, and components to help designers and developers create visually appealing and user-friendly interfaces
  - Android Studio applies Material Design (3, currently) by default when creating Android projects (e.g., in the *hello world* project)



Material Design 2



Material Design 3  
(a.k.a. Material 3 or M3)



<https://material.io/>

# 8. Theme

- In Android, theming can be applied in two main ways:

## 1. XML-based:

- Used in the traditional Android View system
- Theming is done using XML files in the res/values directory

<https://developer.android.com/develop/ui/views/theming/themes>

## 2. Programmatic:

- Uses in Jetpack Compose, the modern UI toolkit
- Theming is done programmatically using Kotlin

Even if we use Jetpack Compose for the UI, we also need to consider the traditional XML-based system

<https://developer.android.com/develop/ui/compose/designsystems>

# 8. Theme - Android View system

- In the traditional Android View system, theming is done using XML files in the res/values directory

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<resources>
    <style name="Theme.MyApp" parent="android:Theme.Material.Light.NoActionBar" />
</resources>
```

Themes are declared in the file  
res/values/themes.xml

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<resources>
    <color name="purple_200">#FFBB86FC</color>
    <color name="purple_500">#FF6200EE</color>
    <color name="purple_700">#FF3700B3</color>
    <color name="teal_200">#FF03DAC5</color>
    <color name="teal_700">#FF018786</color>
    <color name="black">#FF000000</color>
    <color name="white">#FFFFFFFF</color>
</resources>
```

Colors (in RGBA) are declared in the  
file res/values/colors.xml

# 8. Theme - Android View system

- The XML theme is declared in the manifest:

AndroidManifest.xml

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<manifest xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android">

    <application
        android:icon="@mipmap/ic_launcher"
        android:label="@string/app_name"
        android:roundIcon="@mipmap/ic_launcher_round"
        android:theme="@style/Theme.MyApp">
        <activity
            android:name=".MainActivity"
            android:exported="true">
            <intent-filter>
                <action android:name="android.intent.action.MAIN" />
                <category android:name="android.intent.category.LAUNCHER" />
            </intent-filter>
        </activity>
    </application>

</manifest>
```

res/values/themes.xml

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<resources>
    <style name="Theme.MyApp" parent="android:Theme.Material.Light.NoActionBar" />
</resources>
```

# 8. Theme - Android View system

- We can change the XML parent theme:

- `Theme.Material.Light`
- `Theme.Material.Light.NoActionBar`
- `Theme.Material.Light.NoActionBar.Fullscreen`
- `Theme.Material.Dialog`
- `Theme.Material.Settings`
- `Theme.Material.InputMethod`
- `Theme.Material.NoActionBar`
- `Theme.Material.Panel`
- `Theme.Material.Voice`
- `Theme.Material.Wallpaper`

This one is used by default in the projects created with Android Studio

For example, we can change the following in any app demo (e.g., in the hello-world)

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<resources>
    <style name="Theme.MyApp" parent="android:Theme.Material.Light" />
</resources>
```



# 8. Theme - Android View system

- Also, we can customize the XML theme by overriding the default values for colors, typography, and shapes

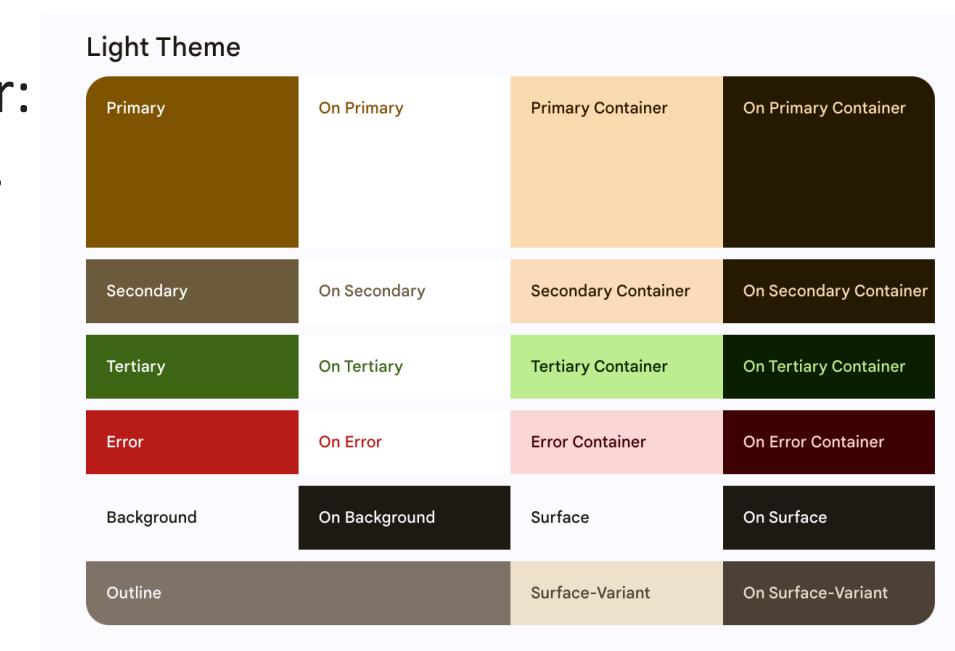
```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<resources>
    <style name="Theme.MyApp" parent="android:Theme.Material.Light.NoActionBar">
        <!-- Customize theme here -->
        <item name="android:colorPrimary">@color/purple_200</item>
    </style>
</resources>
```



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# 8. Theme - Jetpack Compose

- Jetpack Compose provides an implementation of Material Design 3 using a composable called **MaterialTheme**
  - This composable provides a consistent way to define and apply colors, typography, and shapes throughout our app
  - For that, it includes pre-defined components for:
    - Colors: Primary, secondary, background, surface, etc.
    - Typography: Headlines, body text, captions, etc.
    - Shapes: Small, medium, and large components



<https://developer.android.com/develop/ui/compose/designsystems/material3>

# 8. Theme - Jetpack Compose

- A common practice for theming with Jetpack Compose is to customize **MaterialTheme** by overriding its default values for colors and typography
- For that, we usually define a custom theme, color palette, and typography in separate Kotlin files:
  - **Color.kt**: to define the color palette for our app
    - Defined through global constants to ensure consistency and reusability
  - **Type.kt**: to define the typography for our app
    - It includes text styles for different UI elements (e.g., headlines, body text, captions)
  - **Theme.kt**: To define the theme for our app
    - Combines the color palette, typography, and shapes into a single theme that can be applied to the entire app
    - Typically supports light and dark color schemas by defining separate color schemes

# 8. Theme - Jetpack Compose

```
<namespace>/ui/theme/Color.kt
```

```
val Purple80 = Color(0xFFD0BCFF)
val PurpleGrey80 = Color(0xFFCCC2DC)
val Pink80 = Color(0xFFEB8C8)

val Purple40 = Color(0xFF6650a4)
val PurpleGrey40 = Color(0xFF625b71)
val Pink40 = Color(0xFF7D5260)
```

```
<namespace>/ui/theme/Type.kt
```

```
val Typography = Typography(
    bodyLarge = TextStyle(
        fontFamily = FontFamily.Default,
        fontWeight = FontWeight.Normal,
        fontSize = 16.sp,
        lineHeight = 24.sp,
        letterSpacing = 0.5.sp
    )
)
```

Material Design 3 introduces dynamic color, which allows the app's theme to adapt to the user's wallpaper or system settings

```
<namespace>/ui/theme/Theme.kt
```

```
private val DarkColorScheme = darkColorScheme(
    primary = Purple80,
    secondary = PurpleGrey80,
    tertiary = Pink80
)

private val LightColorScheme = lightColorScheme(
    primary = Purple40,
    secondary = PurpleGrey40,
    tertiary = Pink40
)

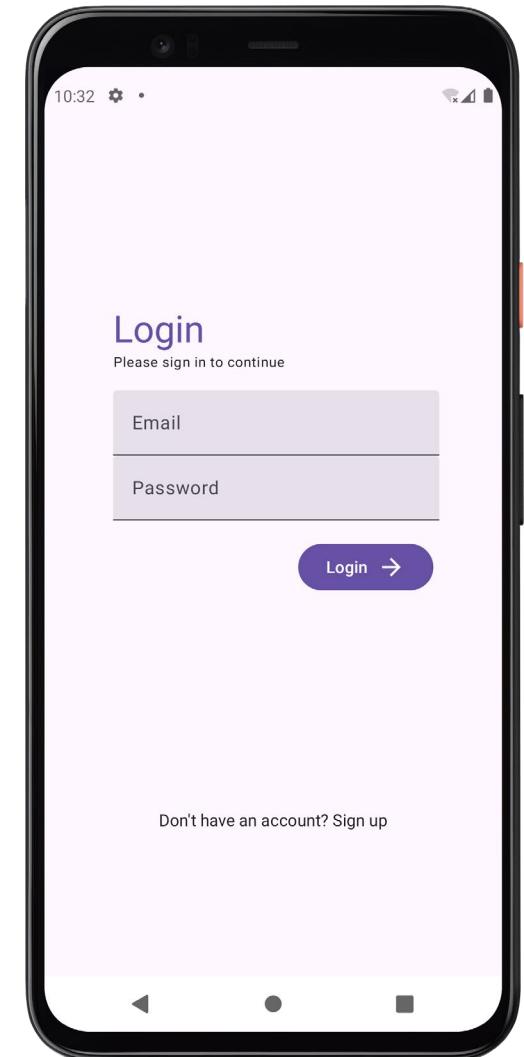
@Composable
fun MyAppTheme(
    darkTheme: Boolean = isSystemInDarkTheme(),
    dynamicColor: Boolean = true,
    content: @Composable () -> Unit
) {
    val colorScheme = when {
        dynamicColor && Build.VERSION.SDK_INT >= Build.VERSION_CODES.S -> {
            val context = LocalContext.current
            if (darkTheme) dynamicDarkColorScheme(context) else dynamicLightColorScheme(context)
        }
        darkTheme -> DarkColorScheme
        else -> LightColorScheme
    }

    MaterialTheme(
        colorScheme = colorScheme,
        typography = Typography,
        content = content
    )
}
```

# 8. Theme - Jetpack Compose

We can apply different  
MaterialTheme styles for  
example as follows:

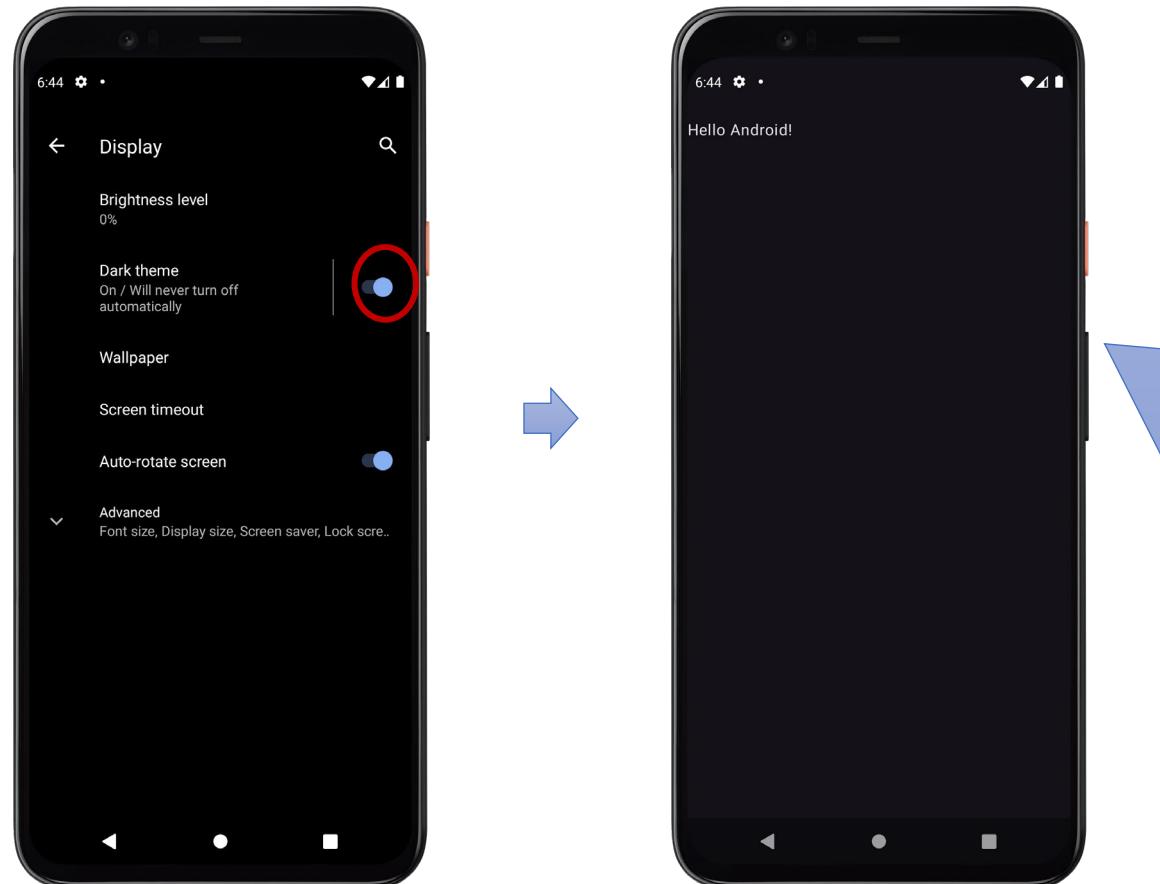
```
Text(  
    text = stringResource(R.string.Login_Label),  
    style = MaterialTheme.typography.headlineLarge,  
    color = MaterialTheme.colorScheme.primary  
)  
Text(  
    text = stringResource(R.string.sign_in_to_continue),  
    style = MaterialTheme.typography.bodySmall  
)
```



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# 8. Theme - Dark mode

- We can enable the dark mode In the Android configuration (Settings → Display)



In Jetpack Compose, themes are propagated through the composition tree. If we don't use a `Scaffold` or another `Material` component (e.g., `Surface`) that properly propagates the theme, the theme might not be applied correctly to our UI components

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# 8. Theme - Dark mode

- The following example is a modified version of the hello-world app using Surface instead of Scaffold:

```
class MainActivity : ComponentActivity() {  
    override fun onCreate(savedInstanceState: Bundle?) {  
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState)  
        enableEdgeToEdge()  
        setContent {  
            MyAppTheme {  
                Surface(  
                    modifier = Modifier.fillMaxSize(),  
                    color = MaterialTheme.colorScheme.background  
                ) {  
                    Greeting(name = "Android")  
                }  
            }  
        }  
    }  
}  
  
@Composable  
fun Greeting(name: String) {  
    Column(  
        horizontalAlignment = Alignment.CenterHorizontally,  
        verticalArrangement = Arrangement.Center  
    ) {  
        Text(text = "Hello $name!")  
    }  
}
```



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# 9. Material components

- Jetpack Compose offers an implementation of the Material components a collection of composable functions
- The following slides reviews the most relevant material components
- If you need to use some of the following, it is recommended to check the official documentation for code examples:

<https://developer.android.com/develop/ui/compose/components>

- Also, the following site provides a good reference of Material composables:

<https://composables.com/material/>

# 9. Material components

- App bar:
  - Containers that provide the user access to key features and navigation items



<https://developer.android.com/develop/ui/compose/components/app-bars>  
<https://composables.com/app-bars>

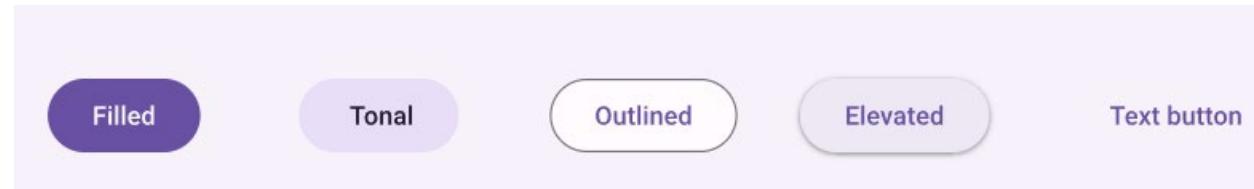
- Badge:
  - Small visual element to denote status or a numeric value on another composable



<https://developer.android.com/develop/ui/compose/components/badges>  
<https://composables.com/badges>

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- Button:
  - Fundamental components that allow the user to trigger a defined action



<https://developer.android.com/develop/ui/compose/components/button>  
<https://composables.com/buttons>

- Segmented button:
  - Let users choose from a set of options



<https://developer.android.com/develop/ui/compose/components/segmented-button>

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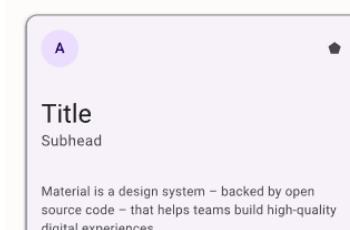
- Bottom sheet:
  - Supplementary content that are anchored to the bottom of the screen



<https://developer.android.com/develop/ui/compose/components/bottom-sheets>

<https://composables.com/sheets>

- Card:
  - Container for our UI. Cards typically present a single coherent piece of content



<https://developer.android.com/develop/ui/compose/components/card>

<https://composables.com/cards>

# 9. Material components

## – Checkbox:

- Elements that let users select one or more items from a list

Minimal checkbox

Checkbox is checked

Parent checkbox example

Select all

Option 1

Option 2

Option 3

<https://developer.android.com/develop/ui/compose/components/checkbox>

<https://composables.com/checkboxes>

## – Radio button:

- To select only one option from a list

Calls

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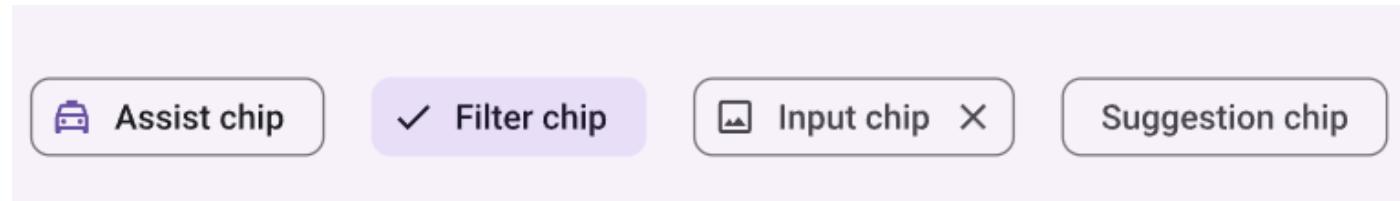
Friends

<https://developer.android.com/develop/ui/compose/components/radio-button>

<https://composables.com/radio-buttons>

# 9. Material components

- Chip:
  - Represents complex entities like a contact or tag, often with an icon and label



<https://developer.android.com/develop/ui/compose/components/chip>

<https://composables.com/chips>

- Switch:
  - To toggle between two states (checked and unchecked)



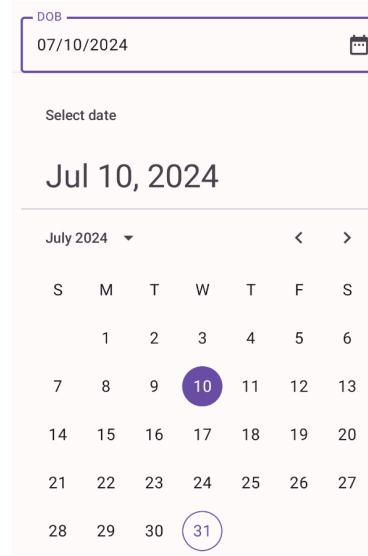
<https://developer.android.com/develop/ui/compose/components/switch>

<https://composables.com/switches>

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## - Date picker:

- To select a date, a date range, or both

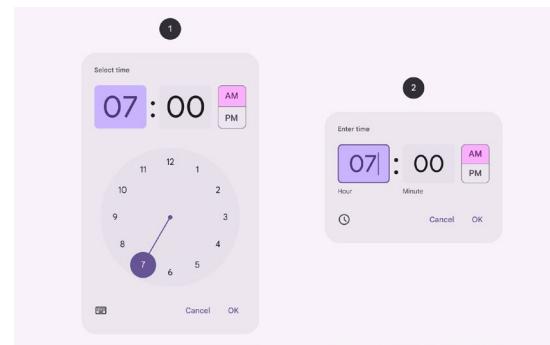


<https://developer.android.com/develop/ui/compose/components/datepickers>

<https://composables.com/date>

## - Time picker:

- To select a time

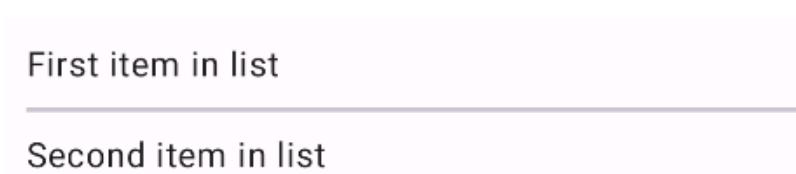


<https://developer.android.com/develop/ui/compose/components/time-pickers>

<https://composables.com/time>

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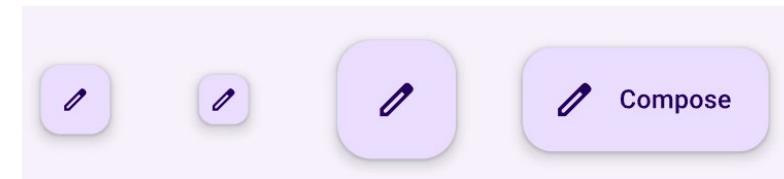
- Divider:
  - Thin lines that separate items in lists or other containers



<https://developer.android.com/develop/ui/compose/components/divider>

<https://composables.com/dividers>

- Floating action button:
  - High-emphasis button that lets the user perform a primary action in an application

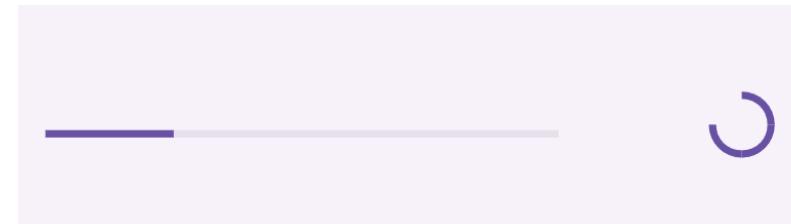


<https://developer.android.com/develop/ui/compose/components/fab>

<https://composables.com/floating-action-buttons>

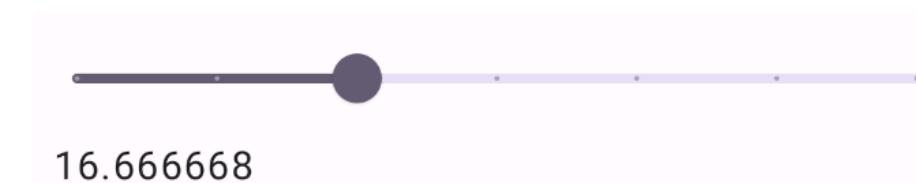
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- Progress indicator:
  - Visually represent the status of an operation



<https://developer.android.com/develop/ui/compose/components/progress>  
<https://composables.com/progress-indicators>

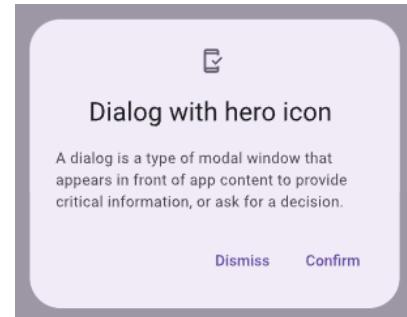
- Slider:
  - To make selections from a range of values



<https://developer.android.com/develop/ui/compose/components/slider>  
<https://composables.com/sliders>

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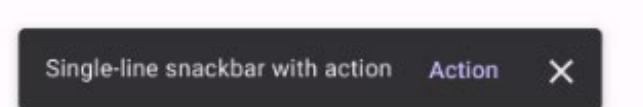
- Dialog:
  - Component that displays pop up messages or requests user input



<https://developer.android.com/develop/ui/compose/components/dialog>

<https://composables.com/dialogs>

- Snackbar:
  - Brief notification that appears at the bottom of the screen

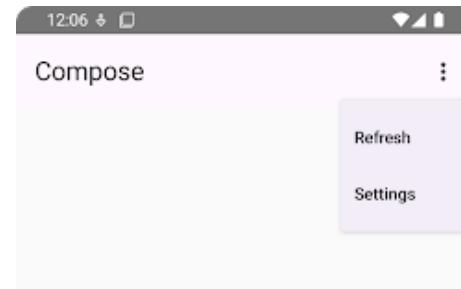


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# 9. Material components

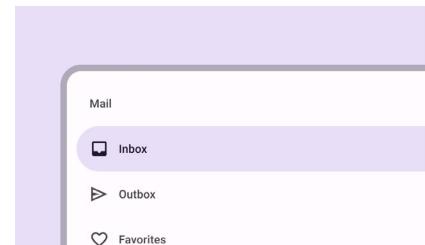
- Drop-down menus
  - Let users select from a list of options on a temporary surface



<https://developer.android.com/develop/ui/compose/components/menu>

<https://composables.com/dropdown-menus>

- Navigation drawer:
  - Slide-in menu that lets users navigate to various sections of your app



<https://developer.android.com/develop/ui/compose/components/drawer>

<https://composables.com/drawers>

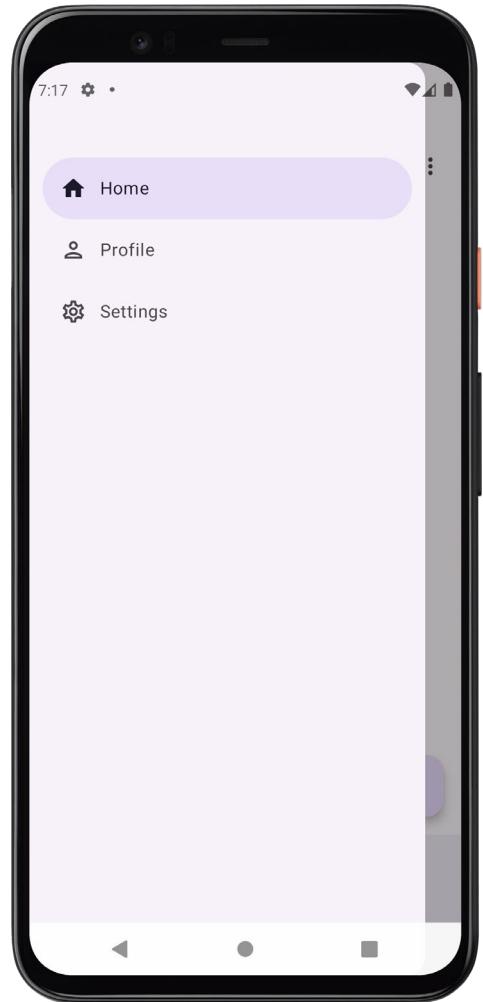
# 9. Material components - Scaffold

- Scaffold is a pre-built composable in Jetpack Compose that provides a high-level structure for implementing Material Design layouts
  - It simplifies the process of creating common UI patterns by offering slots for components like top bars, bottom bars, floating action buttons, snackbars, and content
- Scaffold provides slots for the following components:
  - Top Bar: For app bars (e.g., TopAppBar)
  - Bottom Bar: For bottom navigation bars (e.g., BottomAppBar)
  - Floating Action Button: A prominent button for primary actions
  - Snackbar: For displaying short messages at the bottom of the screen
  - Content: The main content of the screen (e.g., a Column, LazyColumn, or other composables)
  - Drawer: For navigation drawers (e.g., ModalDrawer)

# 9. Material components - Scaffold

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```
@Composable
fun MyScreen() {
    // ...
    ModalNavigationDrawer(
        drawerState = drawerState,
        drawerContent = {
            MyDrawerContent(items, scope, drawerState)
        },
    ) {
        Scaffold(
            topBar = {
                MyTopAppBar(scope, drawerState)
            },
            floatingActionButton = {
                MyFloatingActionButtons()
            },
            content = { innerPadding ->
                MyContent(Modifier.padding(innerPadding))
            },
            bottomBar = {
                MyNavigationBar(items)
            }
        )
    }
}
```



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# 10. State management

- In Jetpack Compose, the **state** refers to any data that can change over time and affects the UI
  - When the state changes, Compose automatically recomposes (re-draws) the affected parts of the UI to reflect the new state
- To manage state in Jetpack Compose, we use the following functions:
  - `remember`: Retains state across recompositions
  - `mutableStateOf`: Creates a mutable state that triggers recomposition when changed
  - `rememberSaveable`: Retains state across configuration changes (e.g., screen rotation)
  - `ViewModel`: For managing complex state that survives configuration changes

<https://developer.android.com/develop/ui/compose/state>

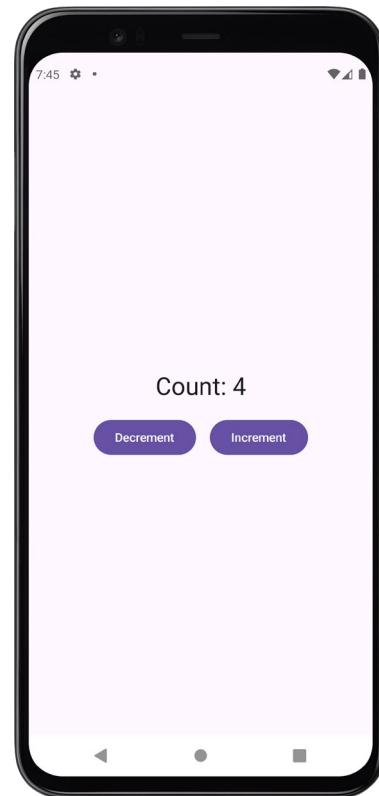
# 10. State management - Stateful

- A composable that uses remember to store an object creates internal state, making the composable **stateful**
  - Example: A counter app where the UI updates whenever the count changes

In this example, we use the specialized function for creating a mutable state for integers (`mutableIntStateOf`) to create a **state variable** called `count`

```
@Composable
fun Counter() {
    // State is managed internally within the composable
    var count by remember { mutableIntStateOf(0) }

    Column(
        modifier = Modifier.fillMaxSize(),
        verticalArrangement = Arrangement.Center,
        horizontalAlignment = Alignment.CenterHorizontally
    ) {
        Text(
            text = "Count: $count",
            style = MaterialTheme.typography.headlineMedium
        )
        Spacer(modifier = Modifier.height(16.dp))
        Row(
            horizontalArrangement = Arrangement.spacedBy(16.dp)
        ) {
            Button(onClick = { count++ }) {
                Text(stringResource(R.string.increment))
            }
            Button(onClick = { count-- }) {
                Text(stringResource(R.string.decrement))
            }
        }
    }
}
```



# 10. State management - Stateless

- A **stateless** composable is a composable that doesn't hold any state
  - An easy way to achieve stateless is by using state hoisting
- **State hoisting** is a pattern where the state is moved to a higher-level composable, making the composable stateless and more reusable
  - The state owner exposes to consumers the state and events to modify it
- The benefits of state hoisting are:
  - Improves reusability and testability
  - Centralizes state management

<https://developer.android.com/develop/ui/compose/state#stateful-vs-stateless>

<https://developer.android.com/develop/ui/compose/state-hoisting>

# 10. State management - Stateless

- The following example shows the stateless version of the previous counter:

```
@Composable
fun CounterApp() {
    // State is hoisted to the parent composable
    var count by remember { mutableIntStateOf(0) }

    // Stateless Counter composable
    Counter(
        count = count,
        onIncrement = { count++ },
        onDecrement = { count-- },
    )
}
```

The parent composable exposes the state (`count`) and events to modify it (`onIncrement` and `onDecrement`)

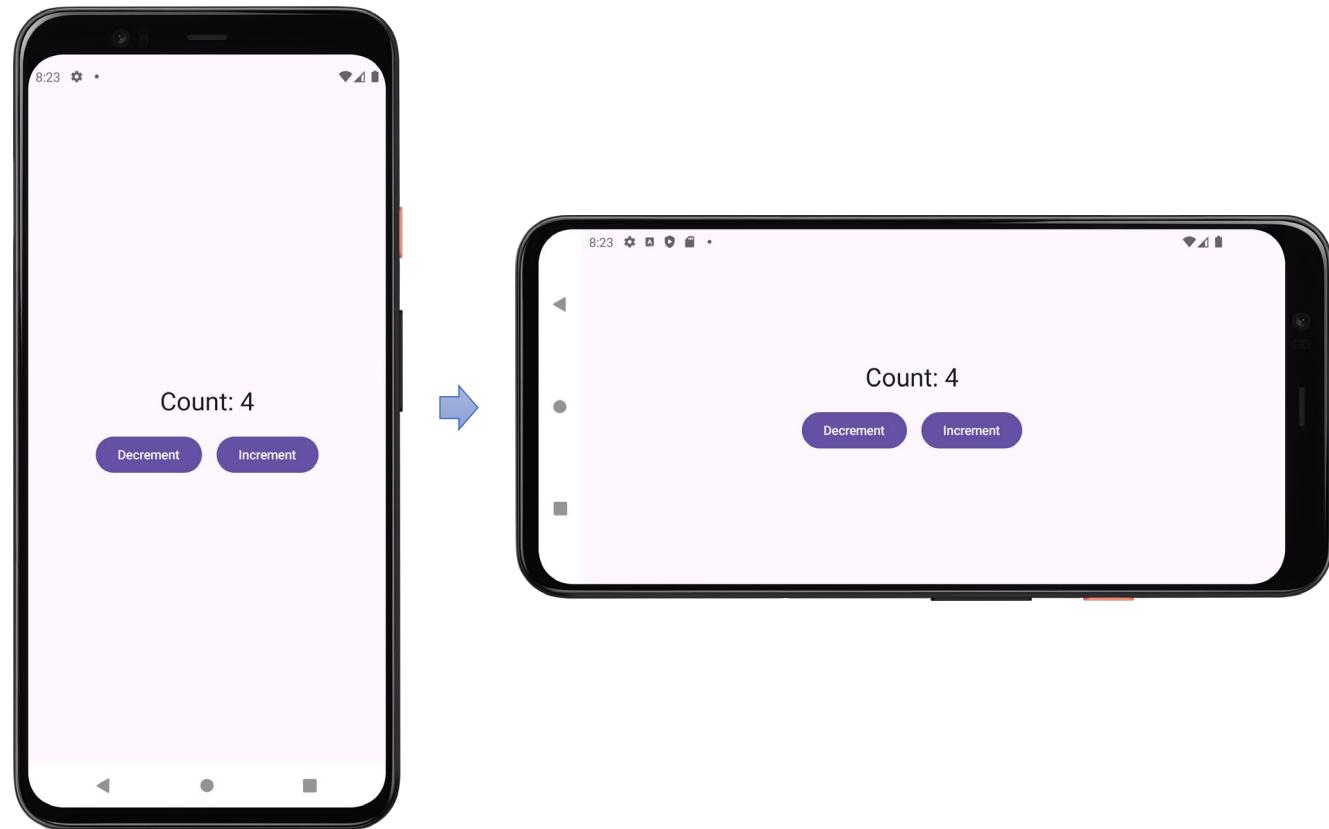
```
@Composable
fun Counter(
    count: Int, // State passed as a parameter
    onIncrement: () -> Unit, // Event callback for increment
    onDecrement: () -> Unit // Event callback for decrement
) {
    Column(
        modifier = Modifier.fillMaxSize(),
        verticalArrangement = Arrangement.Center,
        horizontalAlignment = Alignment.CenterHorizontally
    ) {
        Text(
            text = "Count: $count",
            style = MaterialTheme.typography.headlineMedium
        )
        Spacer(modifier = Modifier.height(16.dp))
        Row(
            horizontalArrangement = Arrangement.spacedBy(16.dp)
        ) {
            Button(onClick = onDecrement) {
                Text(stringResource(R.string.decrement))
            }
            Button(onClick = onIncrement) {
                Text(stringResource(R.string.increment))
            }
        }
    }
}
```

# 10. State management - State restoration

- To restore state across configuration changes (e.g., screen rotation), we use `rememberSaveable` instead of `remember`

```
@Composable
fun CounterApp() {
    // State is hoisted to the parent composable
    var count by rememberSaveable { mutableIntStateOf(0) }

    // Stateless Counter composable
    Counter(
        count = count,
        onIncrement = { count++ },
        onDecrement = { count-- }
    )
}
```



# 10. State management - View model

- For more complex state management, we use a `ViewModel` to separate UI logic from the composable

```
@Composable
fun CounterApp(viewModel: CounterViewModel = viewModel()) {
    // Observe the state from the ViewModel
    val count by viewModel.count.asIntState()

    // Stateless Counter composable
    Counter(
        count = count,
        onIncrement = { viewModel.increment() },
        onDecrement = { viewModel.decrement() }
    )
}

// ViewModel to manage the state
class CounterViewModel : ViewModel() {
    private val _count = mutableIntStateOf(0) // Mutable state
    val count: State<Int> get() = _count

    fun increment() {
        _count.intValue++
    }

    fun decrement() {
        _count.intValue--
    }
}
```

A `ViewModel` object holds state (e.g., using `mutableIntStateOf` or other) and composables observe this state and update the UI when the state changes

<https://developer.android.com/topic/libraries/architecture/viewmodel>

# 10. State management - View model

- To use view model, we need the following dependency:

build.gradle.kts

```
dependencies {
    implementation(libs.androidx.lifecycle.viewmodel.compose)
}
```

libs.version.toml

```
[versions]
lifecycleViewModelComposeVersion = "2.8.7"

[libraries]
androidx-lifecycle-viewmodel-compose = { group = "androidx.lifecycle",
    name = "lifecycle-viewmodel-compose", version.ref = "lifecycleViewModelComposeVersion" }
```

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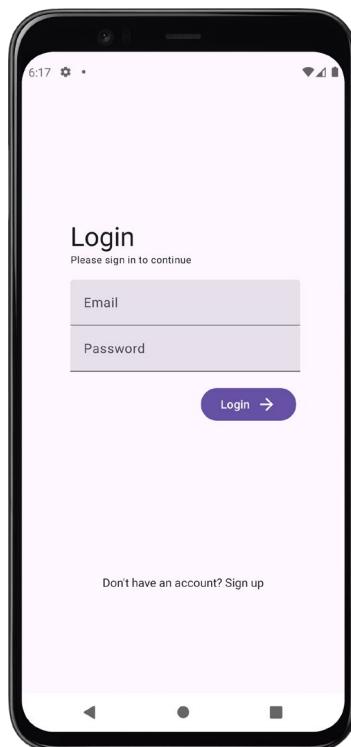
# 10. State management - Text fields

- We also use state variables to manipulate text fields:

```
var login by rememberSaveable { mutableStateOf("") }
var password by rememberSaveable { mutableStateOf("") }

TextField(
    value = login,
    onValueChange = { login = it },
    modifier = Modifier
        .constrainAs(loginField) {
            top.linkTo(text2.bottom, margin = 16.dp)
            start.linkTo(startGuideline)
        },
    placeholder = {
        Text(stringResource(R.string.email_edit_text))
    },
    keyboardOptions = KeyboardOptions(keyboardType = KeyboardType.Email)
)
TextField(
    value = password,
    onValueChange = { password = it },
    modifier = Modifier
        .constrainAs(passwordField) {
            top.linkTo(loginField.bottom)
            start.linkTo(startGuideline)
        },
    placeholder = {
        Text(stringResource(R.string.password_edit_text))
    },
    visualTransformation = PasswordVisualTransformation(),
    keyboardOptions = KeyboardOptions(keyboardType = KeyboardType.Password)
)
```

- `value = login`: Binds the text field's value to the login state variable
- `onValueChange = { login = it }`: Updates the login state whenever the user types in the field (`it` is the *implicit name* of a single parameter in lambda expressions)
- `placeholder`: Displays a hint when the field is empty
- `keyboardOptions`: Sets the keyboard type to `Email` (for easier email input) and `Password` for secure input
- `visualTransformation`: Masks the input with `PasswordVisualTransformation()` (to show dots instead of text)



<https://developer.android.com/develop/ui/compose/text/user-input>

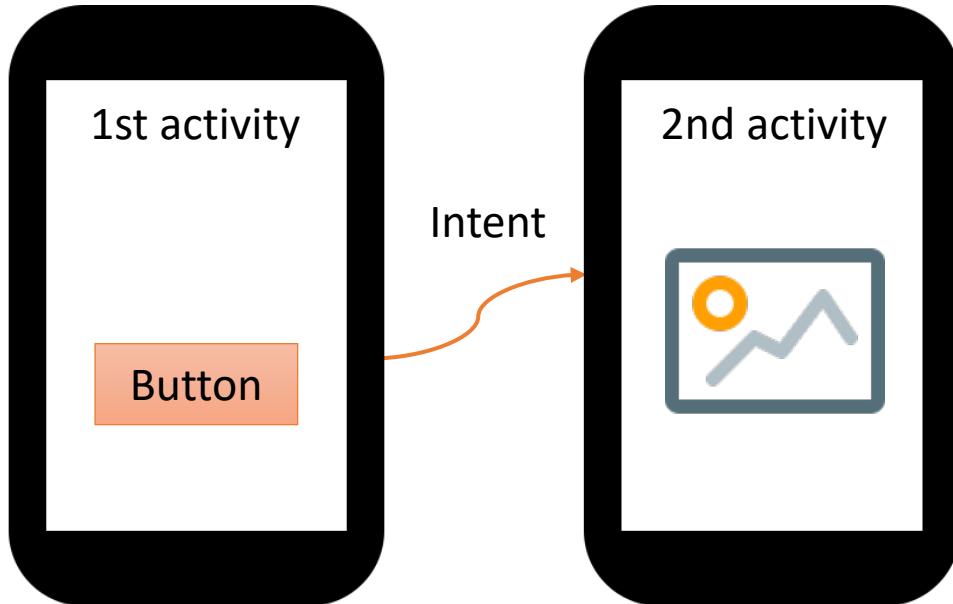
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# 11. Navigation

- Navigation refers to the interactions that let users navigate across, into, and back out from the different pieces of the UI
- The traditional Android View System (XML-based UI) was based on navigation between different activities using **intents**
  - An Intent is a messaging object you can use to request an action from another app component (e.g., from an activity to other)
- Jetpack Compose uses the **Navigation Component**, which is part of Android Jetpack
  - The Navigation Component is a library designed to work seamlessly with Compose's declarative UI model
  - With this component we implement single-activity apps with different screens implemented as composable functions

# 11. Navigation - Intents



Let's see an example of an app composed by two activities which uses an (explicit) intent to start the second activity

AndroidManifest.xml

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<manifest xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android">

    <application
        android:icon="@mipmap/ic_launcher"
        android:label="@string/app_name"
        android:roundIcon="@mipmap/ic_launcher_round"
        android:theme="@style/Theme.MyApp">
        <activity
            android:name=".MainActivity"
            android:exported="true">
            <intent-filter>
                <action android:name="android.intent.action.MAIN" />
                <category android:name="android.intent.category.LAUNCHER" />
            </intent-filter>
        </activity>
        <activity
            android:name=".SecondActivity"
            android:exported="false" />
    </application>

</manifest>
```

<https://developer.android.com/reference/android/content/Intent>

# 11. Navigation - Intents

MainActivity.kt

```
class MainActivity : ComponentActivity() {
    override fun onCreate(savedInstanceState: Bundle?) {
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState)
        enableEdgeToEdge()
        setContent {
            MyAppTheme {
                Scaffold(modifier = Modifier.fillMaxSize()) { innerPadding ->
                    MyLayout(modifier = Modifier.padding(innerPadding))
                }
            }
        }
    }

    @Composable
    fun MyLayout(modifier: Modifier = Modifier) {
        var text by rememberSaveable { mutableStateOf("") }
        val context = LocalContext.current

        Column(modifier = modifier) {
            Text(text = stringResource(R.string.text_msg))
            TextField(
                value = text,
                onValueChange = { text = it },
                modifier = Modifier.fillMaxWidth()
            )
            Button(
                onClick = {
                    val intent = Intent(context, SecondActivity::class.java).apply {
                        putExtra("name", text)
                    }
                    context.startActivity(intent)
                },
            ) {
                Text(stringResource(R.string.button_msg))
            }
        }
    }
}
```



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# 11. Navigation - Intents

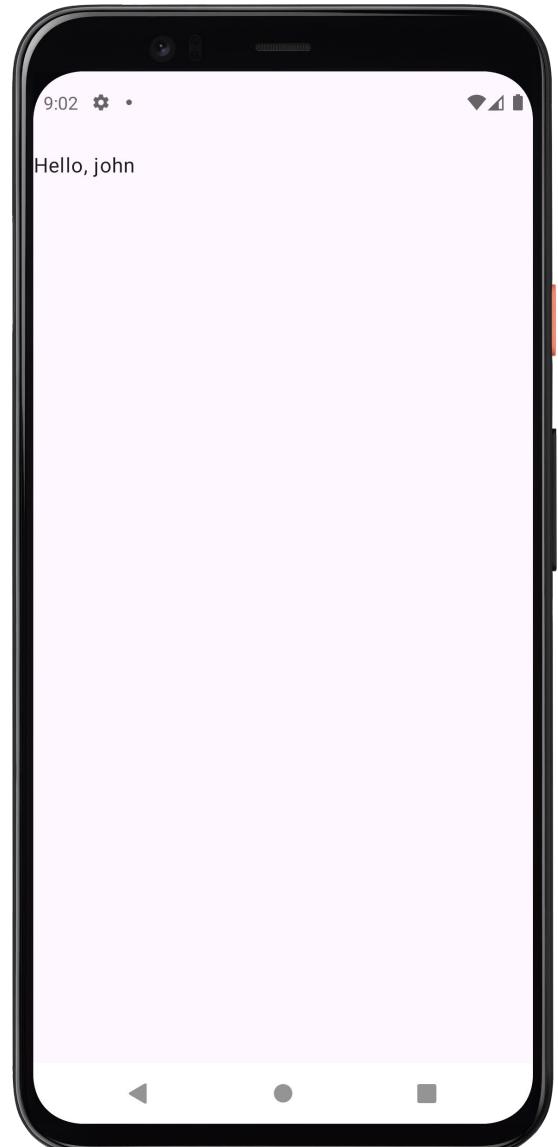
SecondActivity.kt

```
class SecondActivity : ComponentActivity() {

    override fun onCreate(savedInstanceState: Bundle?) {
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState)
        enableEdgeToEdge()
        setContent {
            MyAppTheme {
                Scaffold(modifier = Modifier.fillMaxSize()) { innerPadding ->
                    val name = intent.getStringExtra("name")
                    val hello = String.format(stringResource(R.string.hello_msg), name)
                    MyLayout(modifier = Modifier.padding(innerPadding), hello)
                }
            }
        }
    }

    @Composable
    fun MyLayout(modifier: Modifier = Modifier, text: String) {
        Text(text = text, modifier = modifier)
    }
}
```

Although this type of navigation is possible, in Jetpack Compose it is preferred single-activities apps using the Navigation library



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# 11. Navigation - Navigation Component

- The Navigation component is a library that enables declarative navigation between screens in a Jetpack Compose apps
- The key concepts of the Navigation Component are the following:
  - NavController: Object that manages navigation between composables. It keeps track of the back stack and the current destination
  - NavHost: Composable that acts as container to hosts the navigation graph and displays the current destination
  - Navigation graph: A collection of *composable* destinations that maps out all the screens in your app and the paths (*routes*) that users can take to navigate between them

<https://developer.android.com/develop/ui/compose/navigation>

# 11. Navigation - Navigation Component

- To use Navigation Component, first we need to setup the following dependency in our Android project:

```
build.gradle.kts
```

```
dependencies {  
    implementation(libs.androidx.navigation.compose)  
}
```

```
libs.version.toml
```

```
[versions]  
navigationCompose = "2.8.7"  
  
[libraries]  
androidx-navigation-compose = { module = "androidx.navigation:navigation-compose", version.ref = "navigationCompose" }
```

# 11. Navigation - Navigation Component

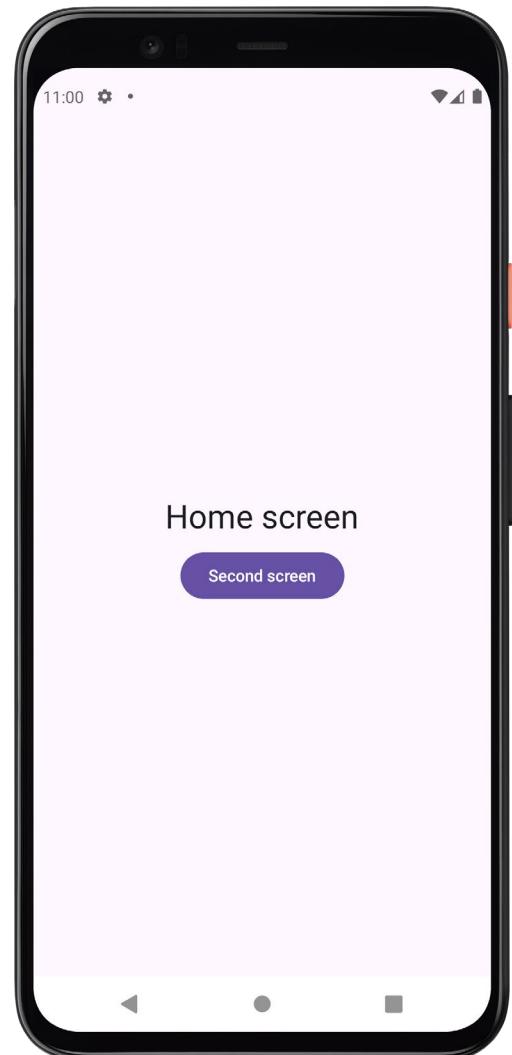
```
class MainActivity : ComponentActivity() {
    override fun onCreate(savedInstanceState: Bundle?) {
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState)
        enableEdgeToEdge()
        setContent {
            MyAppTheme {
                Surface(
                    modifier = Modifier.fillMaxSize(),
                    color = MaterialTheme.colorScheme.background
                ) {
                    val navController = rememberNavController()
                    NavHost(
                        navController = navController,
                        startDestination = "home"
                    ) {
                        composable("home") {
                            HomeScreen(navController)
                        }
                        composable("second") {
                            SecondScreen(navController)
                        }
                    }
                }
            }
        }
    }
}
```

- `rememberNavController()` creates a NavController object to manage navigation between composables
- `NavHost` is a container for the navigation graph. It hosts the composable destinations (`HomeScreen` and `SecondScreen` in this example)

# 11. Navigation - Navigation Component

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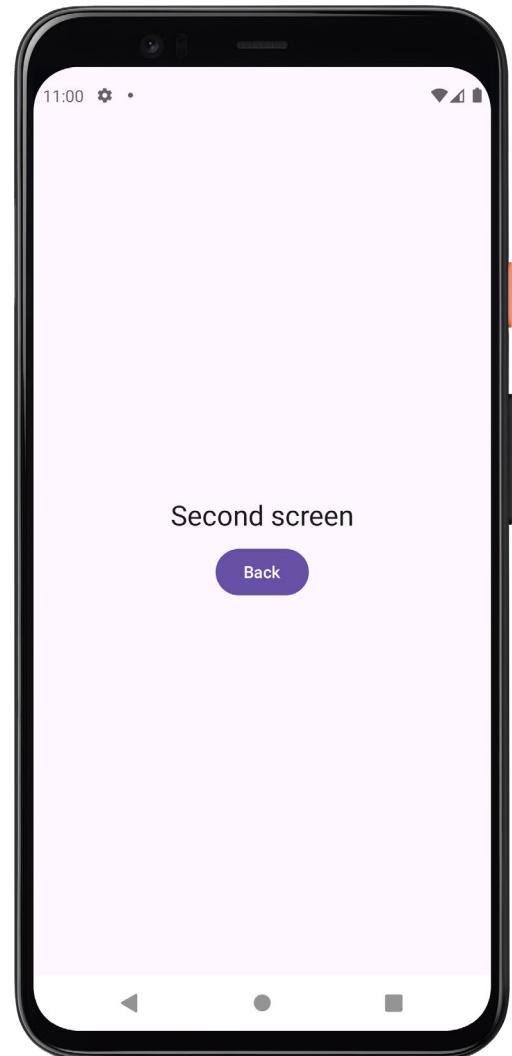
```
@Composable
fun HomeScreen(navController: NavController) {
    Column(
        Modifier.fillMaxSize(),
        horizontalAlignment = Alignment.CenterHorizontally,
        verticalArrangement = Arrangement.Center
    ) {
        Text(
            text = stringResource(R.string.home_msg),
            style = MaterialTheme.typography.headlineMedium
        )
        Spacer(Modifier.height(8.dp))
        Button(
            onClick = { navController.navigate("second") },
        ) {
            Text(stringResource(R.string.button_msg))
        }
    }
}
```



# 11. Navigation - Navigation Component

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```
@Composable
fun SecondScreen(navController: NavController) {
    Column(
        Modifier.fillMaxSize(),
        horizontalAlignment = Alignment.CenterHorizontally,
        verticalArrangement = Arrangement.Center
    ) {
        Text(
            text = stringResource(R.string.second_msg),
            style = MaterialTheme.typography.headlineSmall
        )
        Spacer(Modifier.height(8.dp))
        Button(
            onClick = { navController.popBackStack() },
        ) {
            Text(stringResource(R.string.back_msg))
        }
    }
}
```



# 11. Navigation - Navigation Component

- We can pass arguments between screens using the navigation library.  
For example:

- The second composable defines a route with a dynamic argument ("second/{name}")
- The arguments list ensures that name is treated as a String type (NavType.StringType)
- backStackEntry (object that gives access to the navigation arguments) is used to retrieve the name argument from the navigation back stack. The operator ? is used to safely access arguments (if arguments is null, name will be also null)
- If name is not null, it is passes to SecondScreen

```
class MainActivity : ComponentActivity() {
    override fun onCreate(savedInstanceState: Bundle?) {
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState)
        enableEdgeToEdge()
        setContent {
            MyAppTheme {
                Scaffold(modifier = Modifier.fillMaxSize()) { innerPadding ->
                    val navController = rememberNavController()
                    val modifier = Modifier.padding(innerPadding)
                    NavHost(
                        navController = navController,
                        startDestination = "first"
                    ) {
                        composable("first") {
                            FirstScreen(navController, modifier)
                        }
                        composable(
                            "second/{name}",
                            arguments = listOf(navArgument("name") { type = NavType.StringType })
                        ) { backStackEntry ->
                            val name = backStackEntry.arguments?.getString("name")
                            name?.let { SecondScreen(modifier, it) }
                        }
                    }
                }
            }
        }
    }
}
```

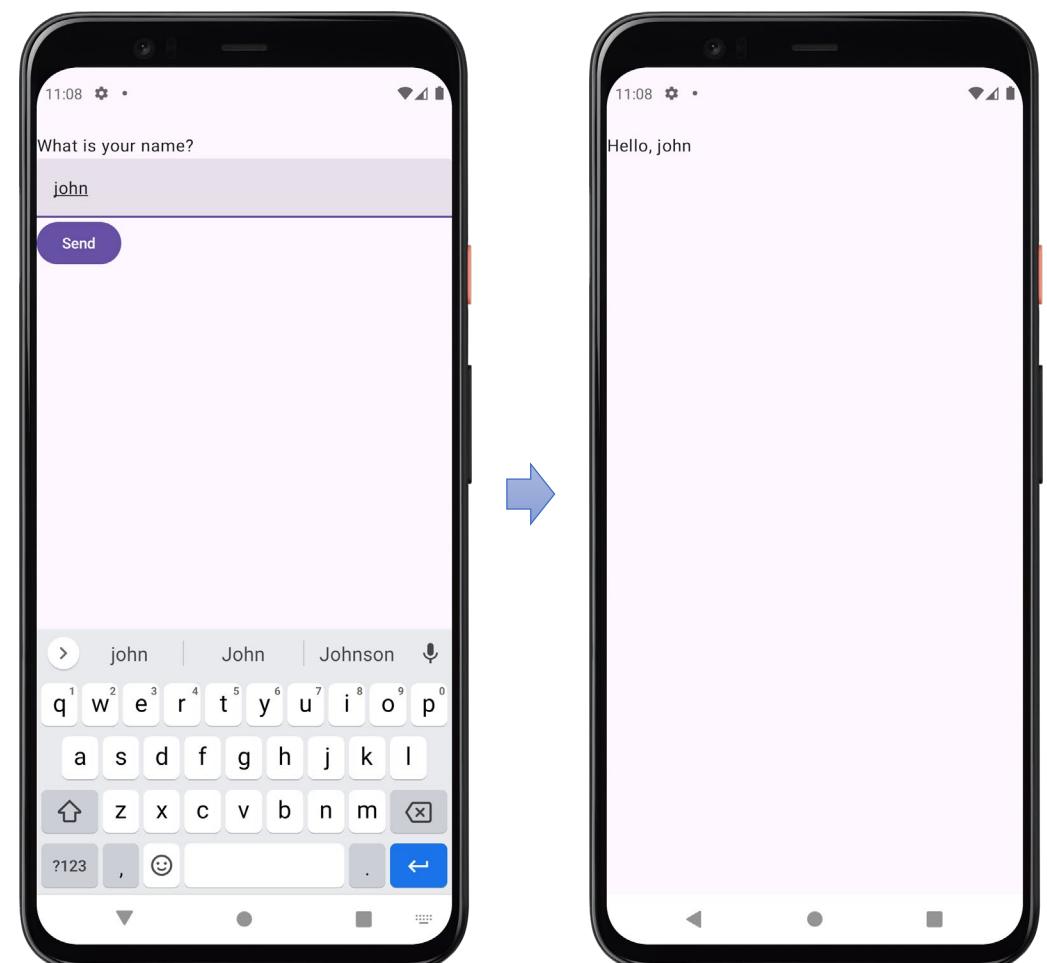
# 11. Navigation - Navigation Component

- We can pass arguments between screens using the navigation library.  
For example:

```
@Composable
fun FirstScreen(navController: NavController, modifier: Modifier = Modifier) {
    var text by rememberSaveable { mutableStateOf("") }

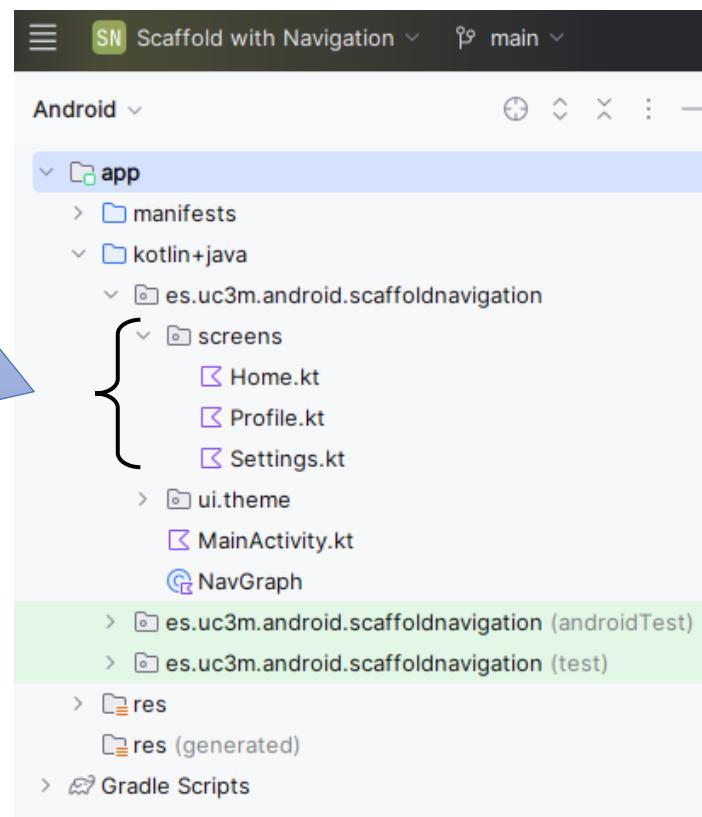
    Column(modifier = modifier) {
        Text(text = stringResource(R.string.text_msg))
        TextField(
            value = text,
            onValueChange = { text = it },
            modifier = Modifier.fillMaxWidth()
        )
        Button(
            onClick = { navController.navigate("second/$text") },
        ) {
            Text(stringResource(R.string.button_msg))
        }
    }
}

@Composable
fun SecondScreen(modifier: Modifier = Modifier, name: String = "") {
    val hello = String.format(stringResource(R.string.hello_msg), name)
    Text(text = hello, modifier = modifier)
}
```



# 11. Navigation - Navigation Component

- The following example combines an Scaffold structure with the use of the navigation component:



The NavGraph class defines the navigation graph using a *sealed* class (i.e., special type of class in Kotlin that restricts inheritance, used for representing a closed set of types, such as navigation routes in this case). This mechanism is a good practice to avoid hardcoding routes (string values)

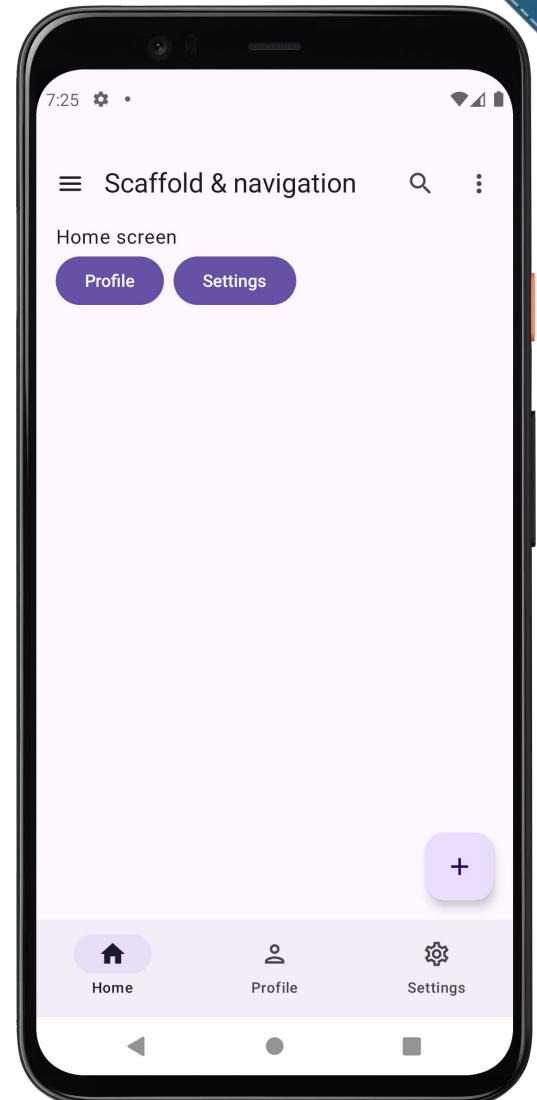
```
const val HOME_ROUTE = "home"
const val PROFILE_ROUTE = "profile"
const val SETTING_ROUTE = "settings"

sealed class NavGraph(val route: String) {
    data object Home : NavGraph(HOME_ROUTE)
    data object Profile : NavGraph(PROFILE_ROUTE)
    data object Settings : NavGraph("$SETTING_ROUTE/{source}") {
        // Helper function to create the route with arguments
        fun createRoute(source: String) = "$SETTING_ROUTE/$source"
    }
}
```

# 11. Navigation - Navigation Component

The `content` composable defines the `NavHost`. The navigation controllers is used in all parts that requires to change navigation (e.g., navigation drawer, bottom bar, screen composables)

```
@Composable
fun MyContent(modifier: Modifier = Modifier, navController: NavHostController) {
    NavHost(
        modifier = modifier,
        navController = navController,
        startDestination = NavGraph.Home.route,
    ) {
        composable(NavGraph.Home.route) {
            HomeScreen(navController = navController)
        }
        composable(NavGraph.Profile.route) {
            ProfileScreen(navController = navController)
        }
        composable(
            NavGraph.Settings.route,
            arguments = listOf(navArgument("source") { type = NavType.StringType })
        ) { backStackEntry ->
            val source = backStackEntry.arguments?.getString("source")
            SettingsScreen(navController = navController, source)
        }
    }
}
```



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# 12. Lists and grids

- In Jetpack Compose, **lists** and **grids** are essential components for displaying collections of items in a structured way
- Jetpack Composes provides different composables handle collections efficiently:
  - LazyColumn: For vertical lists
  - LazyRow: For horizontal lists
  - LazyVerticalGrid: For vertically grids
  - LazyHorizontalGrid: For horizontally grids

<https://developer.android.com/develop/ui/compose/lists>

# 12. Lists and grids - Lists

- **Lists** are used to display a vertically or horizontally scrollable collection of items
- Jetpack Compose provides two main composables for creating scrollable lists:
  - LazyColumn: For vertical lists
  - LazyRow: For horizontal lists
- These composables are **lazy**, meaning they only compose and render the items that are currently visible on the screen (*viewport*)
  - This makes them highly efficient for large datasets

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# 12. Lists and grids - Lists

This example defines a composable function that displays a scrollable vertical list of items

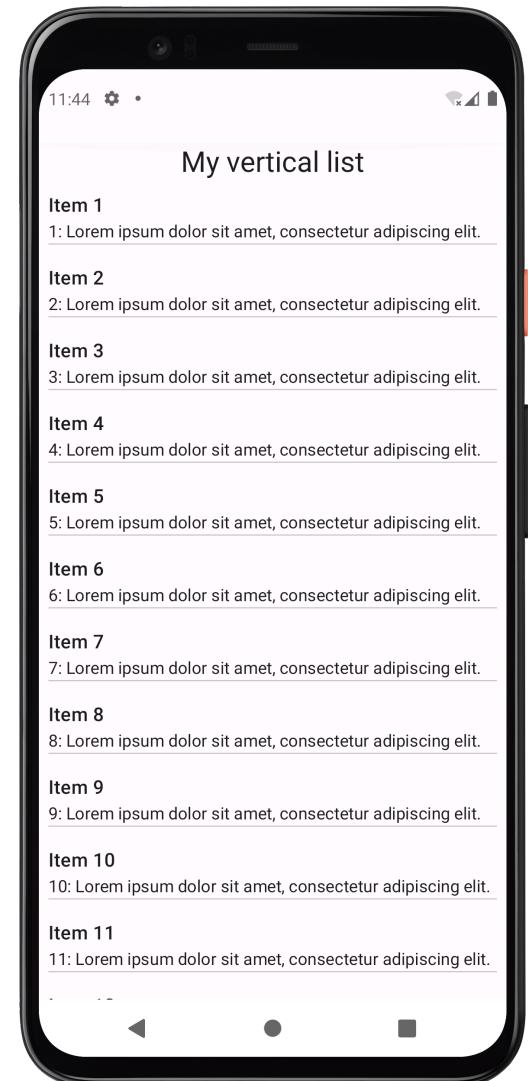
The `rememberLazyListState()` function ensures that the scroll position is not reset when the UI is recomposed

This part adds the content of `LazyColumn`, composed by a single item (`Text`) plus a list of items (iterating to create `myList` a `Column` composable for each item)

```
data class Item(val title: String, val description: String)

@Composable
fun MyLazyColumn(modifier: Modifier = Modifier) {
    val title = stringResource(R.string.item_title)
    val description = stringResource(R.string.item_description)
    val myList = (0..20).map {
        Item(
            title = String.format(title, it + 1),
            description = String.format(description, it + 1),
        )
    }

    LazyColumn(
        state = rememberLazyListState(),
        horizontalAlignment = Alignment.CenterHorizontally,
        modifier = modifier,
        content = {
            item {
                Text(
                    text = stringResource(R.string.my_list),
                    style = MaterialTheme.typography.headlineSmall
                )
            }
            items(myList) {
                Column(
                    modifier = Modifier.padding(8.dp)
                ) {
                    Text(
                        text = it.title,
                        style = MaterialTheme.typography.titleMedium
                    )
                    Text(
                        text = it.description,
                        style = MaterialTheme.typography.bodyMedium
                    )
                    HorizontalDivider()
                }
            }
        }
    )
}
```



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# 12. Lists and grids - Lists

This example defines a scrollable horizontal list composed by 10 Text items

```
@Composable
fun MyLazyRow(modifier: Modifier = Modifier) {
    Column(modifier = modifier) {
        Text(
            modifier = Modifier.padding(16.dp),
            text = stringResource(R.string.my_list),
            style = MaterialTheme.typography.headlineSmall,
            textAlign = TextAlign.Start
        )
        LazyRow(
            state = rememberLazyListState(),
            contentPadding = PaddingValues(8.dp),
            verticalAlignment = Alignment.CenterVertically
        ) {
            items(10) { index ->
                Text(
                    text = stringResource(R.string.item_text, index),
                    modifier = Modifier.padding(8.dp),
                    style = MaterialTheme.typography.bodyLarge
                )
            }
        }
    }
}
```



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# 12. Lists and grids - Grids

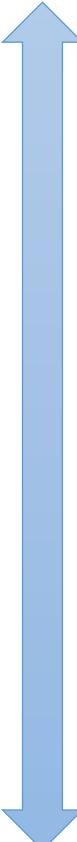
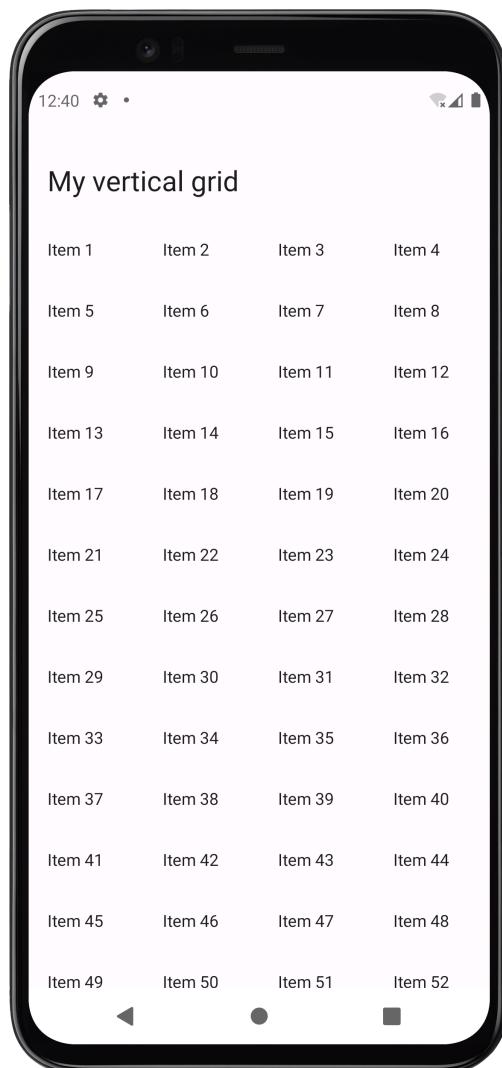
- **Grids** are used to display items in a grid layout (i.e., to organize content into rows and columns)
- Jetpack Compose provides two main composables for creating scrollable grids:
  - LazyVerticalGrid: For vertically grids
  - LazyHorizontalGrid: For horizontally grids
- Like LazyColumn and LazyRow, these composables are **lazy** and only render visible items

<https://developer.android.com/develop/ui/compose/lists>

# 12. Lists and grids - Grids

This example defines a composable function that displays a scrollable vertical grid of 100 items displayed in a grid of 4 columns

```
@Composable
fun MyVerticalGrid(modifier: Modifier = Modifier) {
    Column(modifier = modifier) {
        Text(
            modifier = Modifier.padding(16.dp),
            text = stringResource(R.string.my_grid),
            style = MaterialTheme.typography.headlineSmall,
            textAlign = TextAlign.Start
        )
        LazyVerticalGrid(
            columns = GridCells.Fixed(4), // 4 columns
            state = rememberLazyGridState()
        ) {
            items(100) { index ->
                Text(
                    text = stringResource(R.string.item_text, index + 1),
                    modifier = Modifier.padding(16.dp),
                    style = MaterialTheme.typography.bodyMedium
                )
            }
        }
    }
}
```

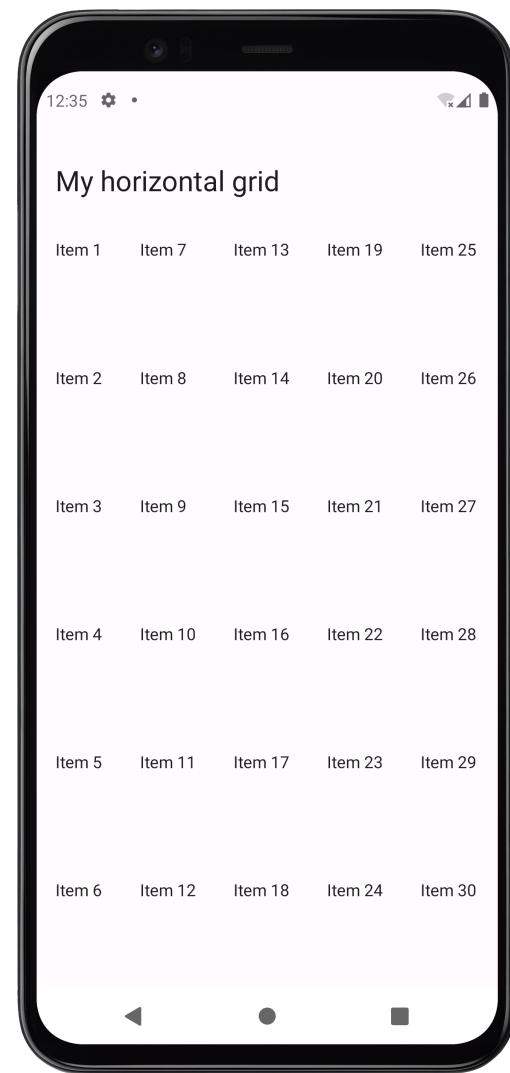


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# 12. Lists and grids - Grids

This example defines a composable function that displays a scrollable horizontal grids of 42 items displayed in a grid of 6 rows

```
@Composable
fun MyHorizontalGrid(modifier: Modifier = Modifier) {
    Column(modifier = modifier) {
        Text(
            modifier = Modifier.padding(16.dp),
            text = stringResource(R.string.my_grid),
            style = MaterialTheme.typography.headlineSmall,
            textAlign = TextAlign.Start
        )
        LazyHorizontalGrid(
            rows = GridCells.Fixed(6), // 6 rows
            state = rememberLazyGridState()
        ) {
            items(42) { index ->
                Text(
                    text = stringResource(R.string.item_text, index + 1),
                    modifier = Modifier.padding(16.dp),
                    style = MaterialTheme.typography.bodyMedium
                )
            }
        }
    }
}
```



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# 13. Animations

- Jetpack Compose provides built-in support for common animations, such as:
  - Visibility: appearance and disappearance
  - Content size changes
  - Transition between composables
- Some of these functions are:
  - `AnimatedVisibility`: to hide or show content
  - `AnimatedContent`: to animate between different contents
  - `animate*()`: to animate an individual property
  - `animate*AsState()`: to carry out state-drive animations
  - `Transition`: to animate multiple values at once
  - `InfiniteTransition`: to animate properties continuously

<https://developer.android.com/develop/ui/compose/animation/introduction>

# 13. Animations

```
@Composable
fun ChangeSize() {
    var expanded by remember { mutableStateOf(false) }
    val size by animateDpAsState(targetValue = if (expanded) 200.dp else 100.dp)

    Box(
        modifier = Modifier
            .size(size)
            .background(Color.Blue)
            .clickable { expanded = !expanded }
    )
}
```

```
@Composable
fun ChangeSizeAndColor() {
    var toggled by remember { mutableStateOf(false) }
    val transition = updateTransition(targetState = toggled)

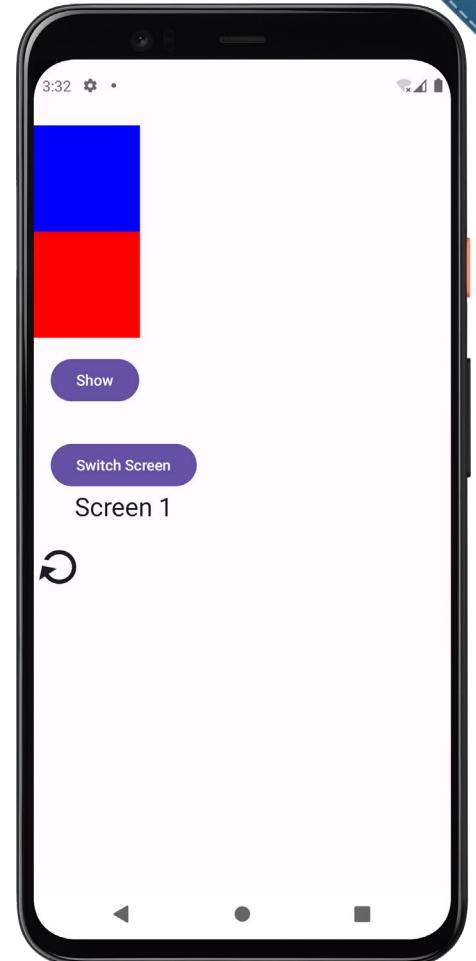
    val color by transition.animateColor(label = "color") { state ->
        if (state) Color.Green else Color.Red
    }
    val size by transition.animateDp(label = "size") { state ->
        if (state) 150.dp else 100.dp
    }

    Box(
        modifier = Modifier
            .size(size)
            .background(color)
            .clickable { toggled = !toggled }
    )
}
```

```
@Composable
fun ToggleVisibility() {
    var visible by remember { mutableStateOf(false) }

    Column(
        horizontalAlignment = Alignment.CenterHorizontally,
        modifier = Modifier.padding(16.dp)
    ) {
        Button(onClick = { visible = !visible }) {
            Text(if (visible) "Hide" else "Show")
        }

        AnimatedVisibility(visible) {
            Box(
                modifier = Modifier
                    .size(100.dp)
                    .background(Color.Blue)
            )
        }
    }
}
```



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# 14. Takeaways

- Jetpack Compose is a modern UI toolkit for building native Android apps using Kotlin
  - It simplifies UI development by using a declarative approach, allowing us to define an app's UI as composable functions
  - This eliminates the need for XML layouts and reduces boilerplate code, making UI development faster and more intuitive
- Composables are the building block of Jetpack Compose
  - Composables are annotated with `@Composable` and describes how a portion of the UI should look based on the current state
  - Jetpack Compose offers an implementation of the Material components a collection of composable functions