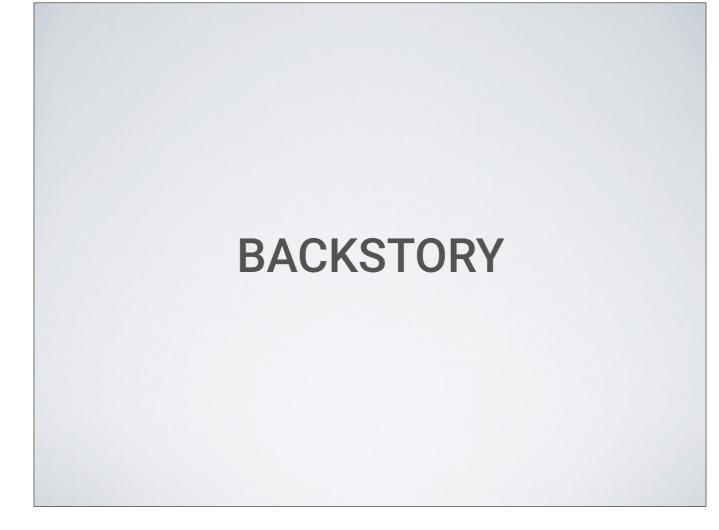
USING TYPEFACES

Thank you Screen Interaction and Stockholm meet up for having me.

SHAMELESS PLUG

- Work/Live in London
- Android Dev 5+ Years
- Current: OWLR Best IP Camera Software Viewer
- Built YOYO, LoveFlutter, Argos, OnTrack, MetOffice, SunGoals, blah blah blah...

@chrisjenx



So bit of a back story, tried to 'storify' this as lets be honest typefaces aren't the most thrilling of topics.



Mubaloo 2011, Fresh Android Developer, maybe built 10+ apps.

```
▼ 🛅 views
          C & RobotoBoldTextView
          C & RobotoltalicTextView
          \bigcirc ^{**} * Created by chris on 25/04/2016.
                    public RobotoItalicTextView(Context context, AttributeSet attrs, int defStyleAttr) {
                     super(context, attrs, defStyleAttr);
                    @TargetApi(Build.VERSION_CODES.LOLLIPOP)
                    public RobotoItalicTextView(Context context, AttributeSet attrs, int defStyleAttr,
                   private void initTypeface() {
  final AssetManager assetManager = getContext().getAssets();
                     final Typeface typeface = Typeface.createFromAsset(assetManager, "fonts/RobotoItalic.ttf");
```

Started to notice this in allot of projects.

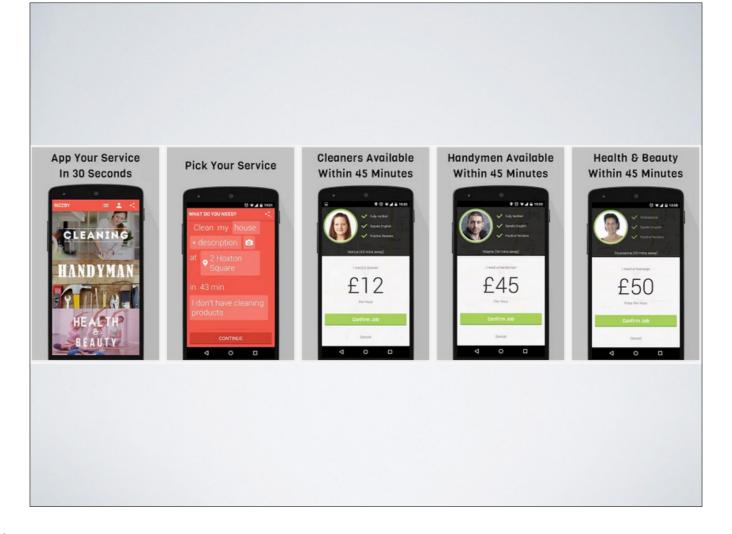
Didn't think any of that back then.

Nothing inherently wrong with this, but doesn't scale...

Recursive:

```
private void iterateViews(ViewGroup group, Typeface typeface) {
  for (int i = 0; i < group.getChildCount(); i++) {
    final View view = group.getChildAt(i);
    if (view instanceof ViewGroup) {
        iterateViews((ViewGroup) view, typeface); continue;
    }
    if (view instanceof TextView) {
        ((TextView) view).setTypeface(typeface);
    }
}

final Typeface typeface =
    TypefaceUtils.load(getAssets(), "fonts/Roboto-Bold.ttf");
final View view = getWindow().getDecorView();
iterateViews((ViewGroup) view, typeface);</pre>
```

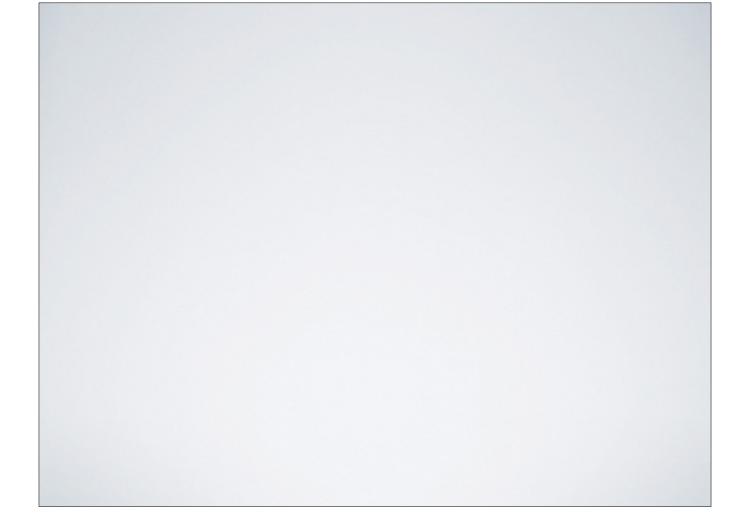


2013 moved to London to join Bizzby.

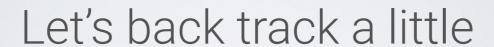
Everything was new/exciting. We were going to change the world! Key thing: I met Dana Nedamaldeen - Design and Product mattered.

We spent so much time on the product - it never launched (true story)

```
<typefacessample.TypefaceTextView
    android:text="Hello World!"
    //...
    app:typefaceAsset="Roboto-Bold.ttf"/>
```



Timelines diverge.



All the way back to 2011

- Introduced as default font in Android 4.0 (Holo)
- First standard fontfamily in Android

Roboto

Self-driving robot lollipop truck

Fudgedicles only 25¢

ICE CREAM

Marshmallows & almonds #9876543210

Music around the block

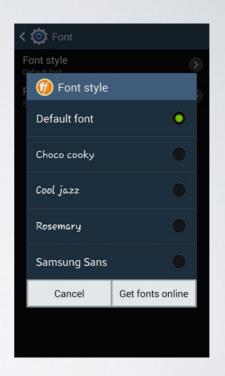
Summer heat rising up from the boardwalk

Roboto introduced in 2011~ Great a standard typeface.

```
android:fontFamily="sans-serif"
                                        // roboto regular
android:fontFamily="sans-serif-light"
                                        // roboto light
android:fontFamily="sans-serif-condensed" // roboto condensed
                     Only Android 4.1+
```

We can use it like this! But this only on Android 4+

- Samsung Can change font. Some devices only use Samsung Sans
- LG Similar issue use can change font
- Other manufacturers inconsistent

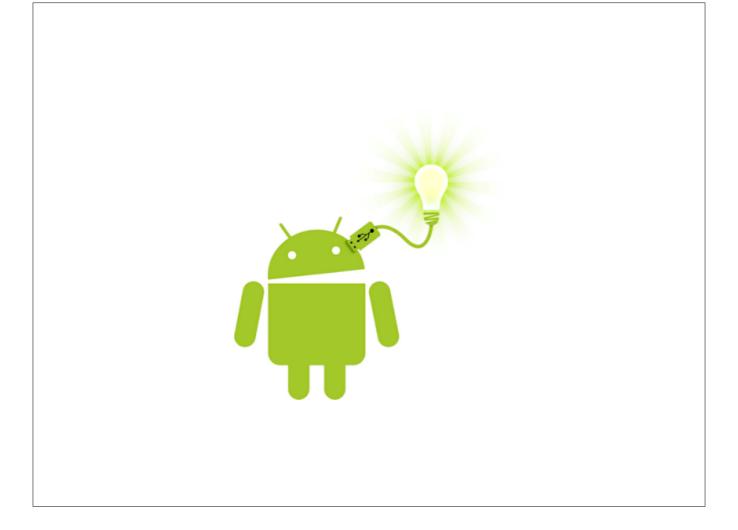


Then manufactures go and mess this up!

In summary:

- · Roboto included on API4.1+
- Not consistent behaviour by manufactures
- Users can change the default font
- Two versions of Roboto as of Material design
- Typefaces should be part of design not code.

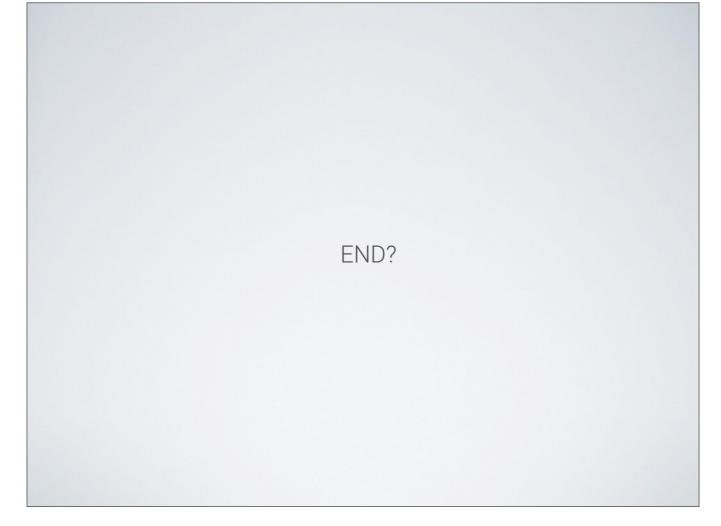
In summary



I went home and hacked something together in a few hours! Boom.



Convinced the name is about 90% of the success...



I would end the story here but more to come. So why do you care? Brief overview of how to use it.

```
Set once - now the default font:
```

https://github.com/chrisjenx/Calligraphy

Key feature is:

In Layouts:

```
<TextView
    android:text="@string/hello_world"
    android:layout_width="wrap_content"
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"
    fontPath="fonts/Roboto-Bold.ttf"/>
```

https://github.com/chrisjenx/Calligraphy

No more custom views, also saves you extension hell. Note the missing namespace (thats intentional)

Theme Styling:

https://github.com/chrisjenx/Calligraphy

Can also do this for editTextViewStyle etc.

Toolbar:

https://github.com/chrisjenx/Calligraphy

AppBar Appearance -> ActionBar Style -> App Theme.

Calligraphy:

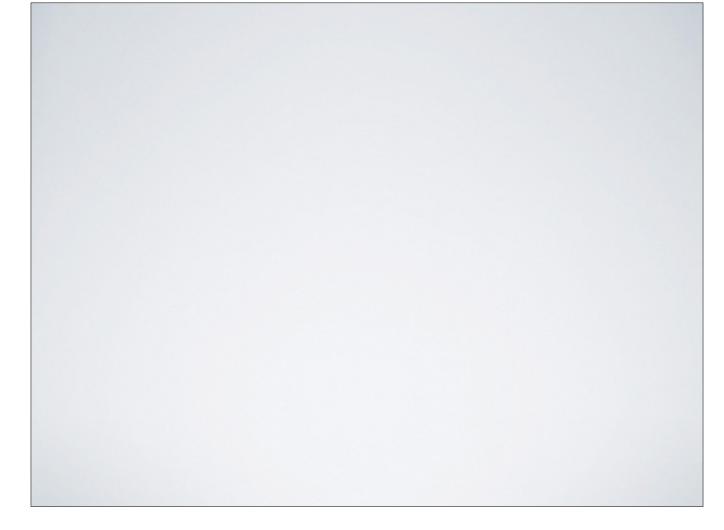
- TextApperance
- Theme Styles (textViewStyle, editTextStyle...)
- Custom Styles
- Custom Views (inc AppCompat)
- Toolbar Support
- Respects style hierarchy
- · Uses a small amount of reflection
- No typeface/fontFamily support

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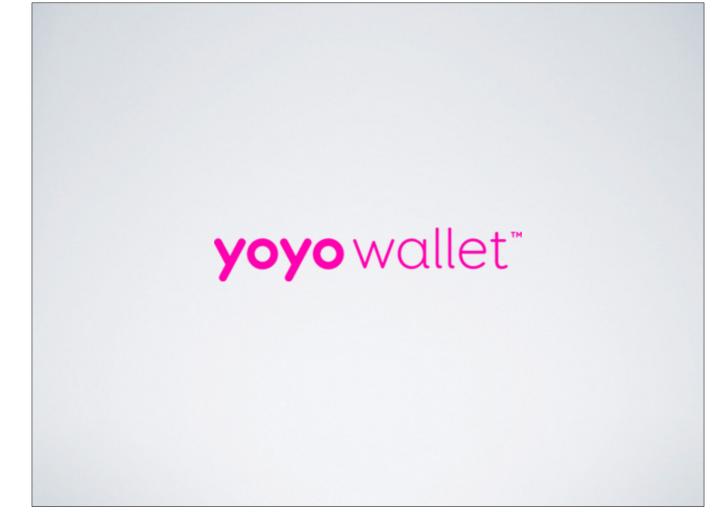
Some pros and cons



Not getting into how it works, see link.



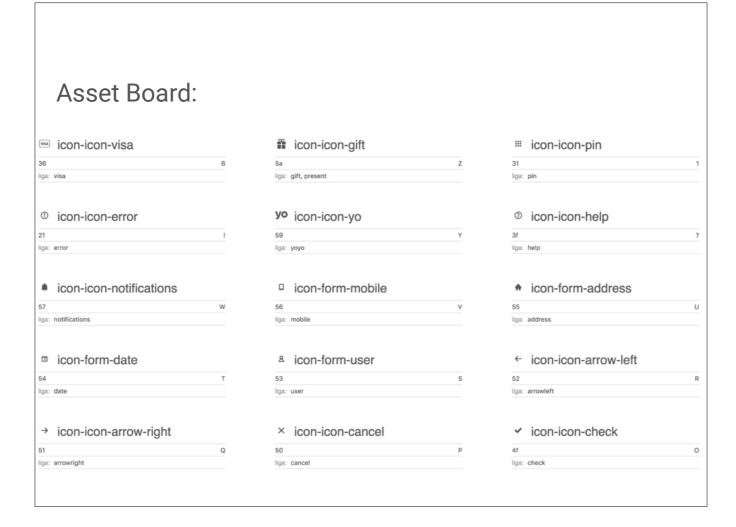
Back to the story. Moved to being a contractor for while.



I joined Yoyo. Yet again started working with another superb designer (Who now works for Apple). Really high requirements.



Before vector icons



Asset board, everything is mapped to a letter.

If android properly supported ligatures we could use words instead.

```
public abstract class TypefaceDrawable extends Drawable {
  private final Paint mPaint = new Paint(Paint.ANTI ALIAS FLAG | Paint.LINEAR TEXT FLAG
                                            Paint.SUBPIXEL_TEXT_FLAG);
 private final Resources mResources;
 private final Typeface mTypeface;
 private final String mText;
 private int mIntrinsicWidth;
 private int mIntrinsicHeight;
 public TypefaceDrawable(Context context, Typeface typeface, String text, int
textSizeRes) {
    //-
    initPaint(mPaint, textSizeRes);
 protected void initPaint(Paint paint, final int textSizeRes) {
   paint.setTypeface(mTypeface);
   paint.setTextSize(mResources.getDimensionPixelSize(textSizeRes));
   paint.setTextAlign(Paint.Align.CENTER);
   mIntrinsicWidth = (int) mPaint.measureText(mText, 0, mText.length());
   mIntrinsicHeight = mPaint.getFontMetricsInt(null);
  @Override public void draw(Canvas canvas) {
   final Rect bounds = getBounds();
   canvas.drawText(mText, 0, mText.length(), bounds.centerX(), bounds.bottom, mPaint);
  @Override public void setAlpha(int alpha) { mPaint.setAlpha(alpha); }
  @Override public void setColorFilter(ColorFilter cf) { mPaint.setColorFilter(cf); }
  @Override public int getOpacity() { return PixelFormat.TRANSLUCENT; }
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This turns of Glyph caching so that assets are not scaled, sub pixel basically turns off pixel snapping if your glyph would be between two pixels.

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Make sure to set the typeface before measuring.

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TypefaceDrawable Performance?

- Fast, very fast. (4.3 batching and merging)
- Linear Scaling can be memory intensive
- Too many glyphs could push the app OOM.
- Romain Guy http://bit.ly/android-font-rendering

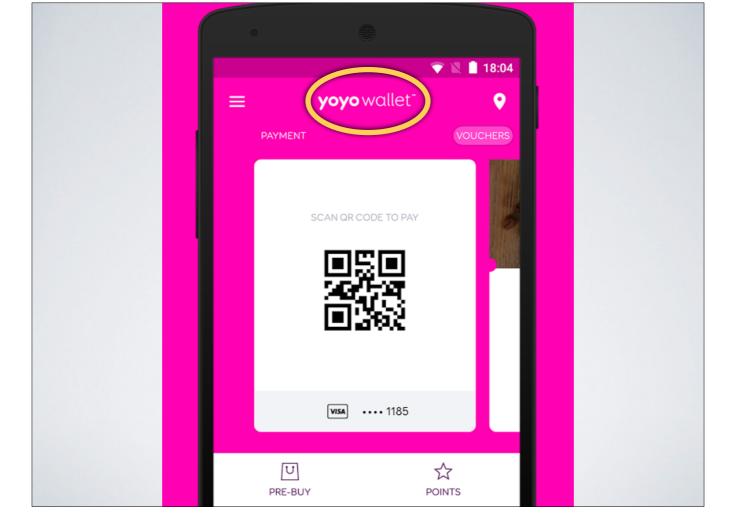
- Assets are rendered native level, rendered by Harfbuzz Used to be Skia
- Linear scaling won't use any caches accurate typefaces, rending time.
- Lots of glyphs would take up a lot of space, LRU so should purge out older glyphs. (Still memory churn)
- Guy talks about this.

Typeface Drawable:

Victor - SVG to PNG at compile time. https://github.com/trello/victor

VectorDrawables/AppCompat http://bit.ly/vectors-chrisbanes

Now, I wouldn't use TypefaceDrawables



Would be tricky to do without code, Combining fonts.

```
<LinearLayout
   android:orientation="horizontal"
   android layout width="match parent"
   android: layout_height="wrap_content">
 <TextView
     android:layout_width="0dp"
     android:layout weight="1"
     android:layout_height="wrap_content"
     fontPath="RobotoBold.tt/"
     android:gravity="end center"
     android:text="BoldThing"/>
 <TextView
     android: layout width="0dp
     android: layout_weight="1"
     android: layout_height="wrap_content"
     android: gravity="start|center"
     android text="SomethingElse"
     fontPath="RobotoRegular.ttf"/>
</LinearLayout>
```

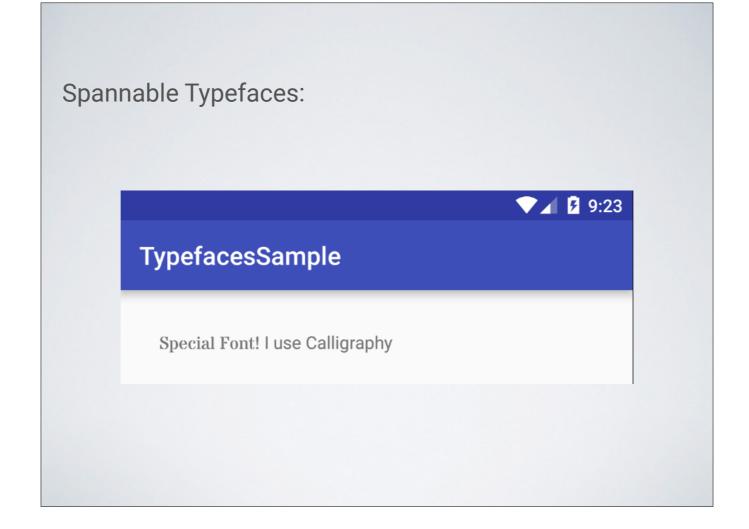
You could do this. Don't.

Spannable Typefaces:			

Create the Typeface span, I'll go through the code of the TypefaceSpannable later.

Set the Span over the specific text areas.

Most important line! BufferType!



Which of course gives you this!

```
public class CalligraphyTypefaceSpan extends MetricAffectingSpan {
    private final Typeface typeface;
    public CalligraphyTypefaceSpan(final Typeface typeface) {
        this.typeface = typeface;
    @Override public void updateDrawState(final TextPaint drawState) {
      apply(drawState);
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        final Typeface oldTypeface = paint.getTypeface();
        final int oldStyle = oldTypeface != null ?
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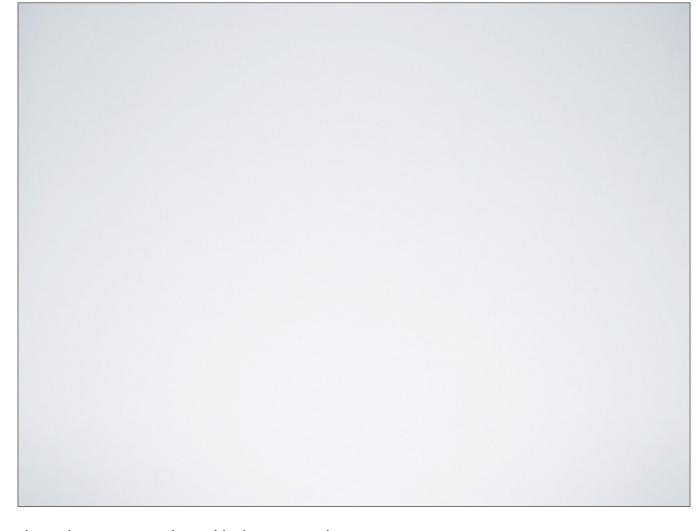
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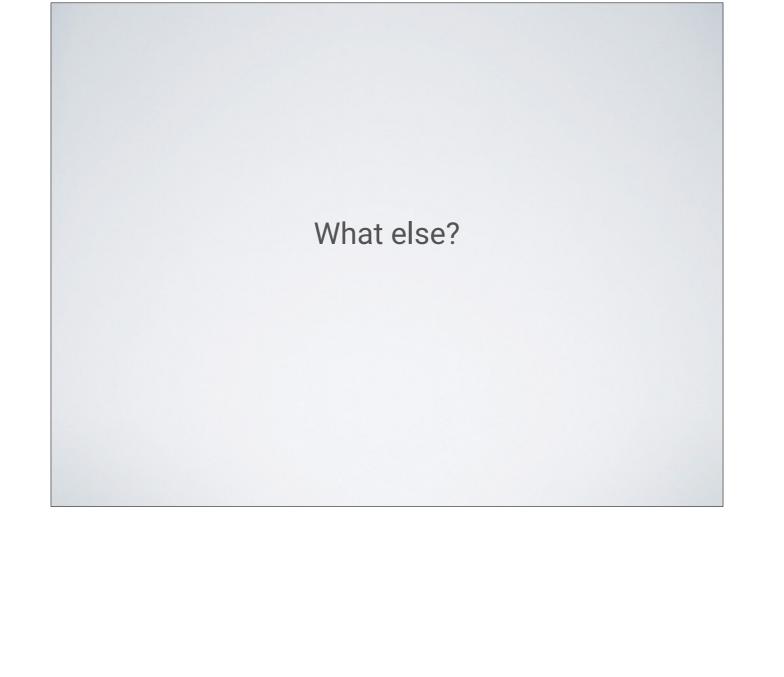
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End of the story. Calligraphy works, I use it as do many people and it does enough.





Shout out to Lisa Wray.

```
FontBinding:

<TextView
    android:layout_width="wrap_content"
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"
    app:font="@{`alegreya`}"
    />

Loads from your assets/fonts
    folder

https://github.com/lisawray/fontbinding
```

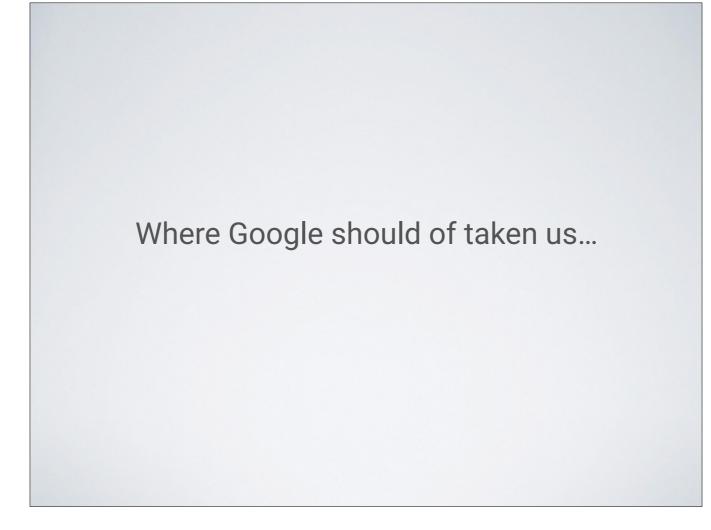
Shout out to Lisa Wray. This will find the fonts inside your assets/fonts.

FontBinding:

- Very lightweight extension to Data Binding
- Easy to use
- Works at XML level
- Compatible with Calligraphy & Spannables
- No style / text appearance support
- No global font setting
- · Can't set Toolbar text etc

https://github.com/lisawray/fontbinding

Some pros and cons



Calligraphy is trying to do what google failed to do.

The next lib is very close.

Font-Compat:

https://github.com/MeetMe/font-compat

This almost hits the nail on the head. Starts of be defining a font family

Font-Compat: <TextView android:text="Font Family!" android:layout width="wrap content" android:layout_height="wrap_content" android:padding="16dp" android:fontFamily="roboto" android:textStyle="normal" android:typeface="normal" />

https://github.com/MeetMe/font-compat

Can use fontFamily as you would normally!

Font-Compat:

- Ties into Android Framework
- Supports android:attributes
- Can build up custom fontFamiles
- Can replace the default fontFamily "sans-serif"
- Supports styles/textApperance etc.
- Not fully supported <5.0
- Mocking Hidden API's

https://github.com/MeetMe/font-compat

Some pros and cons

QUESTIONS?