

Android: Getting Started with Dagger2

INTRODUCTION TO DEPENDENCY INJECTION & DAGGER2



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What is dependency injection?

Supplying the dependencies an object requires when creating it.



Without Dependency Injection

```
class Car {  
    private val frame: Frame = Frame()  
    private val wheels: Wheels = Wheels()  
    private val engine: Engine = RocketEngine()  
  
    private fun startEngine() = engine.start()  
}
```



With Dependency Injection

```
class Car(private val frame: Frame,  
          private val wheels: Wheels,  
          private val engine: Engine) {  
  
    private fun startEngine = engine.start()  
  
}
```



Instantiation Example

Without

```
val car: Car = Car()
```

With

```
val car: Car =  
    Car(Frame(),  
        Engine(), Wheels())
```



Why Use Dependency Injection?



Class reusability

Easier to maintain

Easier to test

Cleaner architecture

What is Dagger2?

Dagger2 is a dependency injection library;
a fork of the original Dagger developed by Square.

It is open source and maintained by Google.



Why Use Dagger2?



Dagger allows us to easily scope dependencies; binding single instances to certain lifecycles of our application



When building our dependencies, we only need to construct them once with Dagger. Dagger also resolves large dependency graphs easily.



Unlike its predecessor and other dependency injection libraries, Dagger2 will generate all of its code at compile time



Constructor Injection With and Without Dagger

Without

```
fun buildCar(): Car =  
    Car(SturdyFrame(),  
        Wheels(),  
        RocketEngine())
```

With

```
fun buildCar(): Car =  
    DaggerAppComponent  
        .builder()  
        .build()  
        .buildCar()
```



Field Injection Without Dagger

```
class SomeActivity : AppCompatActivity() {  
  
    private val db: DbRepo = DbRepository.get()  
    private val client: OkHttpClient = OkHttpClient  
        .Builder()  
        .cache(Cache(cacheDir, 5 * 1024 * 1024))  
        .build()  
  
    override fun onCreate(savedInstanceState: Bundle?) {  
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState)  
    }  
}
```

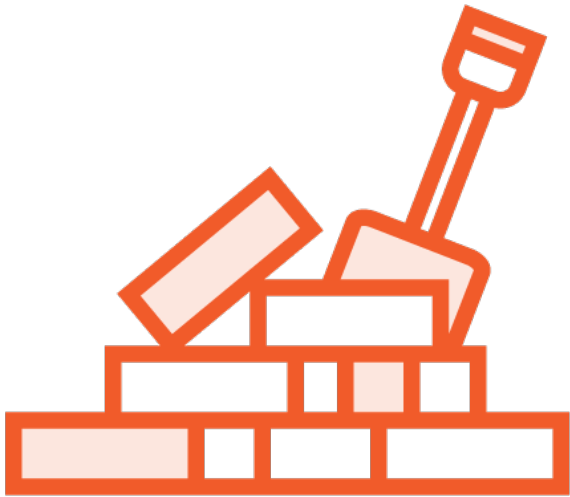


Field Injection With Dagger

```
class SomeActivity : AppCompatActivity() {  
  
    @Inject lateinit var db: DbRepo  
    @Inject lateinit var client: OkHttpClient  
  
    override fun onCreate(savedInstanceState: Bundle?) {  
        DaggerAppComponent  
            .builder()  
            .build()  
            .injectActivity(this)  
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState)  
    }  
}
```



The Two Building Blocks of Dagger2



Modules

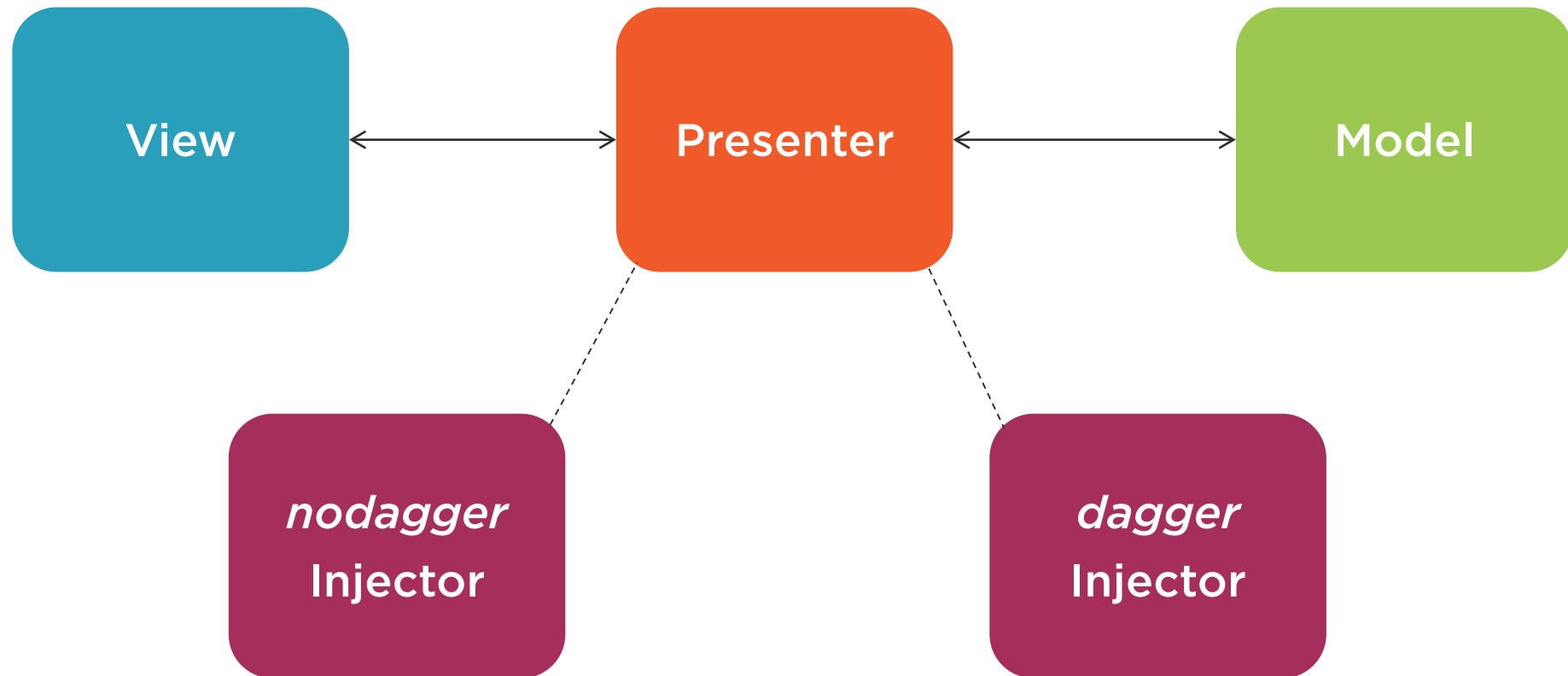
Responsible for building dependencies



Components

Responsible for holding our dependencies (modules)

Sample App Overview



Demo



Demonstration of Injector files



Summary



Dependency Injection

- How it works
- Field vs Constructor injection

Dagger2

- Helps with DI



What is a module?

In simple terms, Modules in Dagger are responsible for *providing* objects which we want to inject. They contain methods which return said objects



Visualizing Modules

Network Module

RetrofitService
Retrofit
OkHttp

Context Module

Context

Car Module

Car
Wheels
Frame
Engine



Visualizing Modules

Network Module



RetrofitService
Retrofit
OkHttp

These dependencies
can now be injected...

...into other classes in
our project.



Your First Module

```
class EngineModule {  
  
}
```



Your First Module

```
@Module  
class EngineModule {  
  
}
```



Your First Module

```
@Module
class EngineModule {

    fun provideEngine(): Engine = Engine()
}
```



Your First Module

```
@Module
class EngineModule {

    @Provides
    fun provideEngine(): Engine = Engine()
}
```



A More Complex Module

```
@Module
class CarModule {

    @Provides
    fun provideEngine(): Engine = Engine()

    @Provides
    fun provideFrame(): Frame = Frame()

    @Provides
    fun provideWheels(): Wheels = Wheels()

}
}
```



A More Complex Module

```
@Module
class CarModule {

    @Provides
    fun provideEngine(): Engine = Engine()

    @Provides
    fun provideFrame(): Frame = Frame()

    @Provides
    fun provideWheels(): Wheels = Wheels()

    @Provides
    fun provideCar(engine: Engine, wheels: Wheels, frame: Frame): Car{
        return Car(frame, wheels, engine)
    }
}
```



A *Lesser* Complex Module

```
@Module
class CarModule {

    @Provides
    fun provideCar(): Car{
        return Car(Frame(), Wheels(), Engine())
    }
}
```



Including Modules

```
@Module
class CarModule {

    @Provides
    fun provideFrame(): Frame = Frame()

    @Provides
    fun provideWheels(): Wheels = Wheels()

    @Provides
    fun provideCar(engine: Engine, wheels: Wheels, frame: Frame): Car{
        return Car(frame, wheels, engine)
    }
}
```



Including Modules

```
@Module(includes = [EngineModule::class])
class CarModule {

    @Provides
    fun provideFrame(): Frame = Frame()

    @Provides
    fun provideWheels(): Wheels = Wheels()

    @Provides
    fun provideCar(engine: Engine, wheels: Wheels, frame: Frame): Car{
        return Car(frame, wheels, engine)
    }
}
```



External Dependencies

```
@Module
class CacheModule {

    @Provides
    fun provideCache(context: Context): Cache =
        Cache(context.cacheDir, 5 * 5 * 1014)

}
```



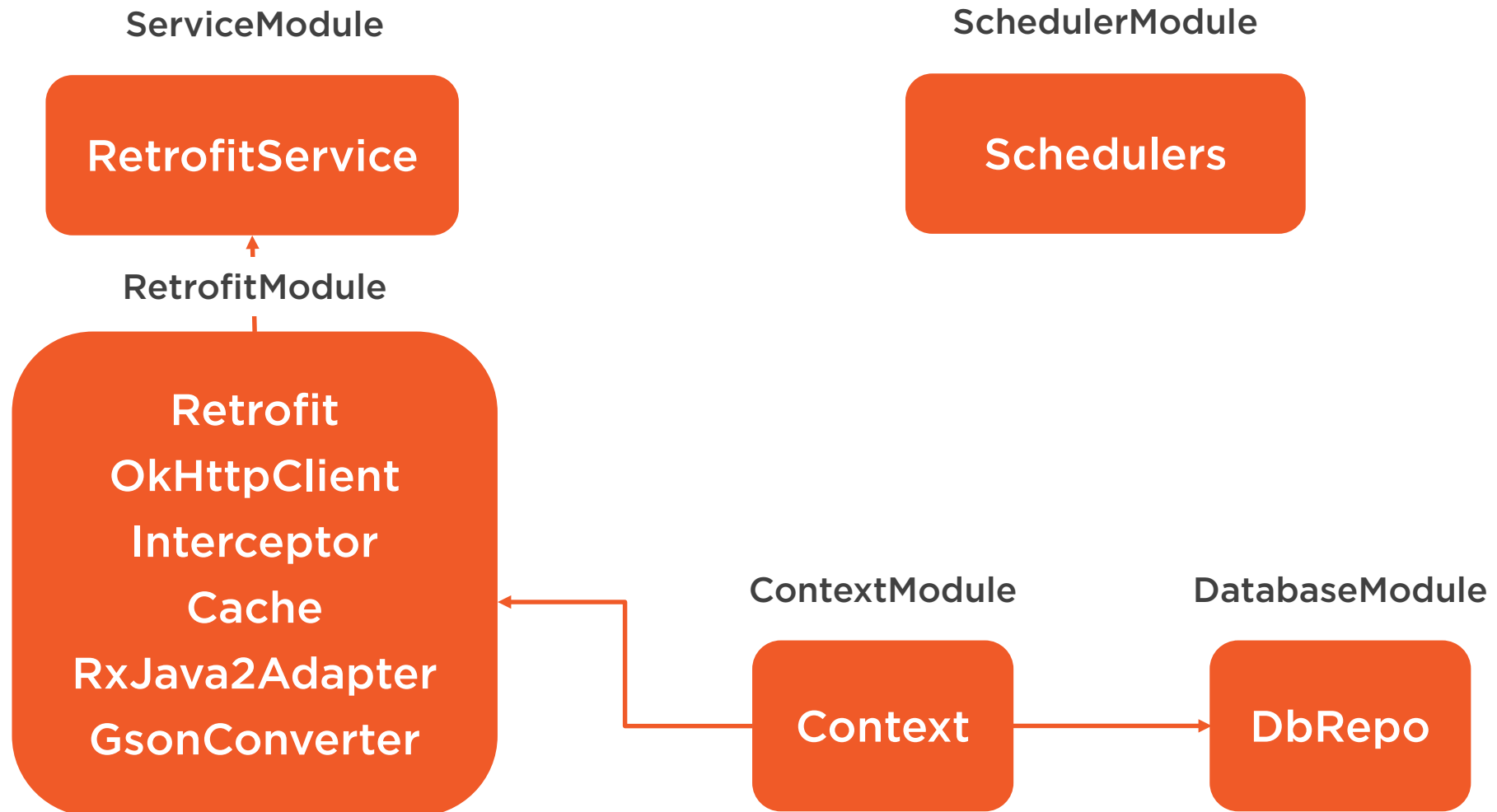
External Dependencies

```
@Module
class ContextModule(val context: Context) {

    @Provides
    fun provideContext(): Context = context
}
```



Building Our Modules



Demo



Demonstration of module construction



Summary



Modules

- What they are
- How to create them
- Including modules in modules

What is a Component

A component is used for *holding* our modules. We include modules, which provide dependencies, inside a component. Doing this makes our dependencies accessible via our component.



Visualizing a Component

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Visualizing a Component

AppComponent

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Engine



Building a Component

```
interface AppComponent {  
  
}
```



Building a Component

```
@Component  
interface AppComponent {  
  
}
```



Building a Component

```
@Component(modules = [NetworkModule::class, ContextModule::class,  
CarModule::class])  
interface AppComponent {  
  
}
```



Returning Single Dependencies

```
@Component(modules = [NetworkModule::class, ContextModule::class,  
CarModule::class])  
interface AppComponent {  
  
    fun okHttpClient(): OkHttpClient  
  
}
```



Returning Single Dependencies

```
@Component(modules = [NetworkModule::class, ContextModule::class,  
CarModule::class])  
interface AppComponent {  
  
    fun okHttpClient(): OkHttpClient  
  
    fun retrofitService(): RetrofitService  
  
    fun car(): Car  
}
```



Returning Single Dependencies

```
class SomeActivity : AppCompatActivity() {  
  
    override fun onCreate(savedInstanceState: Bundle?) {  
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState)  
  
    }  
  
}
```



Returning Single Dependencies

```
class SomeActivity : AppCompatActivity() {  
    override fun onCreate(savedInstanceState: Bundle?) {  
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState)  
        val component = DaggerAppComponent  
            .builder()  
            .build()  
    }  
}
```



AppComponent in Action

```
class SomeActivity : AppCompatActivity() {  
  
    override fun onCreate(savedInstanceState: Bundle?) {  
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState)  
        val component = DaggerAppComponent  
            .builder()  
            .build()  
  
        val car = component.car()  
        val retrofitService = component.retrofitService()  
        val client = component.okHttpClient()  
    }  
}
```



AppComponent in Action

```
class SomeActivity : AppCompatActivity() {  
  
    override fun onCreate(savedInstanceState: Bundle?) {  
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState)  
        val component = DaggerAppComponent  
            .builder()  
            .networkModule(NetworkModule())  
            ...  
            .build()  
  
        val car = component.car()  
        val episodeService = component.episodeService()  
        val client = component.okHttpClient()  
    }  
}
```



AppComponent in Action

```
class SomeActivity : AppCompatActivity() {  
  
    override fun onCreate(savedInstanceState: Bundle?) {  
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState)  
        val component = DaggerAppComponent  
            .builder()  
            .contextModule(ContextModule(context!!))  
            .build()  
  
        val car = component.car()  
        val retrofitService = component.retrofitService()  
        val client = component.okHttpClient()  
    }  
}
```



Summary



Components

- How to include modules
- Function definitions
- Building and supplying modules
- Retrieve dependencies

Demo



Build a component with modules



Building Our App's Component

