Android MVI Architecture #1

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Intro

- Explore Model View Intent architecture Android
- Implement this architecture to demo application

Achievements and progress

Completed Tasks

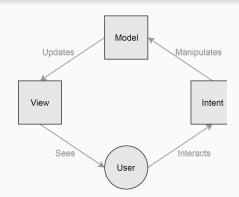
- Understanding MVI
- Implement MVI on home screen including testing
- Setup Firebase
- Chat screen using firebase realtime chat, MVI, testing not included.

Work in progress

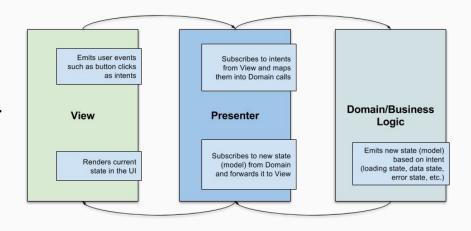
- User Registration
- Write/Read requests list from Firebase
- App UI
- Testing chat screen

Model View Intent Architecture for Android

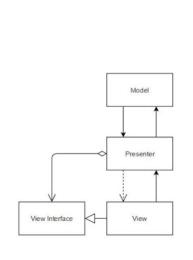
- Created by André Staltz for the Javascript framework cycle.js
- Suitable for Android or any other UI-based application
- What is MVI
 - Intent (to listen to the user)
 - Model (to process information)
 - View (to output back to the user).



Model-View-Intent at a Glance



Compare with others architecture



MVP

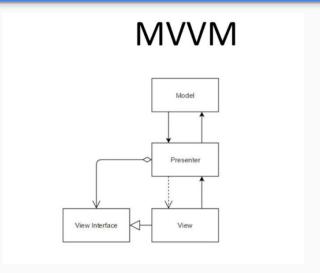
Characteristic element:

View is hidden behind interface.

Idea:

Make Presenter independent from View

- + High testability of Presenter
- + Higher Presenter reusability
- + Presenters can be used in common modules
- Need to create and maintain interface for views
- Additional boilerplate.



MVI

Button Producer Observable
TextView Receiver Consumer
TextEdit Producer & Receiver Subject

MVVM and MVI remove some of the boilerplate code and improve scalability **BUT** makes your app dependent on the RxJava Library

Demo Application

- A small social network called "Having here" (demo with two users)
- Idea: I need something, I post them (included title, description, price), others
 can see it, if they can provide what I need, they can submit and starting a chat
 conversation to get a deal.
- Technology
 - Firebase: storage and real-time firebase chat
 - MVI architecture

References

- MVI Architecture Android by Sebastian Harner
- MVI series blog by Hannes Dorfmann (highly recommend)
- Circle.js MVI
- Firebase chat realtime
- Compare with others architecture by Realm academy

Thanks!

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