

Lab 2: Jetpack Compose + Lifecycle

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Learning objectives

In this lab you will:

- Understand Jetpack Compose fundamentals
- Build UI components with Compose
- Implement navigation in Compose applications
- Apply the MVVM architecture pattern
- Integrate ViewModel for state management
- Work with lifecycle-aware components

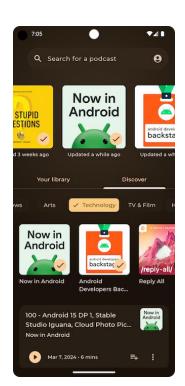


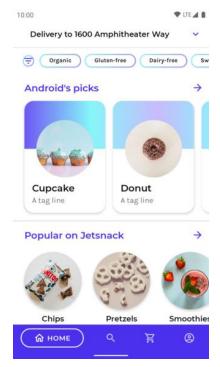
Part 1

Jetpack Compose Basics

What is Jetpack Compose?

- Modern, declarative UI toolkit for Android
- Uses Kotlin to define UI components
- No more XML layouts
- Simpler, more intuitive UI development





Key concepts in Compose

- Composable functions
- Annotated with @composable
- Define UI components
- Can contain other composables (nesting)
- Execute whenever data changes

Composable properties

- Stateless vs. Stateful
 - Stateless: Display only, no internal data
 - Stateful: Maintain and update internal data

- Recomposition
 - UI updates when data changes
 - Intelligent redrawing of only affected components

State in compose

- remember
- Preserves state during recomposition
- Local to a composable

State in Compose

- Sate Hoisting
 - Lifting state to parent composables
 - Makes components more reusable
 - Enables shared state between components

```
@Composable
fun Counter(){
    var count by remember { mutableStateOf( value: 0) }
    CounterButton(
        count = count,
        onIncrement = { count++ }
@Composable
fun CounterButton(count: Int, onIncrement: () -> Unit){
    Button(onClick = onIncrement){
        Text(text = "Count: $count")
```

Common compose layouts

- Card
 - Display elements in a box
- Row
 - Horizontal arrangement
- Column
 - Vertical arrangement



```
fun CardWithImageAndText(imageResId: Int, title: String) {
    Card(
        shape = RoundedCornerShape(16.dp),
        elevation = CardDefaults.cardElevation(defaultElevation = 8.dp).
        modifier = Modifier
            .padding(16.dp)
            .fillMaxWidth()
        Column (
            modifier = Modifier.fillMaxWidth(),
            horizontalAlignment = Alignment.CenterHorizontally
       ) {
            Image (
                painter = painterResource(id = imageResId),
                contentDescription = null,
                contentScale = ContentScale.Crop,
                modifier = Modifier
                    .fillMaxWidth()
                    .height(200.dp)
            Spacer(modifier = Modifier.height(8.dp))
            Text(
                text = title,
                fontSize = 20.sp,
                fontWeight = FontWeight.Bold,
                modifier = Modifier.padding(8.dp)
```

Modifiers

- Control layout,
 appearance and behavior
- Can be chained for combined effects
- Apply to any composable



Part 2

Navigation with compose

Navigation compose

- Purpose-built for Jetpack Compose
- Declarative Navigation System

Setting up navigation

- Add dependencies
 - build.gradle file

```
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)
    implementation(libs.androidx.navigation.compose)
    testImplementation(libs.junit)
   androidTestImplementation(libs.androidx.junit)
   androidTestImplementation(libs.androidx.espresso.core)
    androidTestImplementation(platform(libs.androidx.compose.bom))
   androidTestImplementation(libs.androidx.vi.test.junit4)
    debugImplementation(libs.androidx.ui.tooling)
    debugImplementation(libs.androidx.ui.test.manifest)
```

Setting up navigation

- Define navigation controller
 - navigate: goes to the designated screen
 - popBackStack: returns to the previous screen

Setting up navigation

- Define the screens:
 - Home screen (main screen)
 - Detail screen (secondary screen triggered by the Home Screen)

```
@Composable
fun HomeScreen(onNavigateToDetail: () -> Unit){
    Column(
        modifier = Modifier.fillMaxSize(),
        verticalArrangement = Arrangement.Center,
       horizontalAlignment = Alignment.CenterHorizontally
   ) {
        Text(text = "Home Screen")
        Spacer(modifier = Modifier.height(16.dp))
        Button(onClick = onNavigateToDetail){
           Text( text: "Go to detail")
@Composable
fun DetailScreen(onNavigateBack: () -> Unit){
    Column(
        modifier = Modifier.fillMaxSize(),
        verticalArrangement = Arrangement.Center,
        horizontalAlignment =Alignment.CenterHorizontally
   ){
        Text(text = "Detail Screen")
        Spacer(modifier = Modifier.height(16.dp))
        Button(onClick = onNavigateBack){
           Text( text: "Go to Home")
```



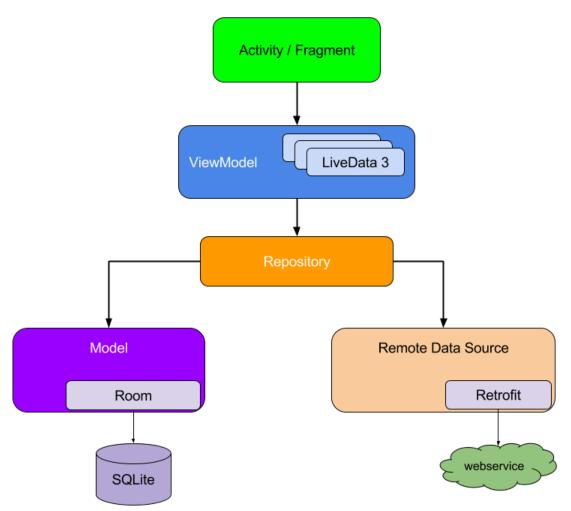
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The MVVM Architecture Pattern

What is MVVM

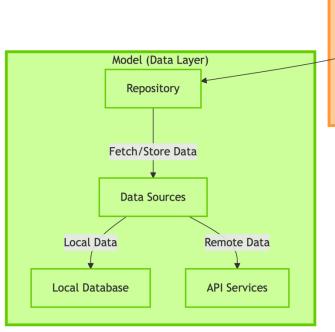
- Model-View-ViewModel architecture pattern
- Recommended by Google for Android app development
- Separates UI from business logic
- Key components:
 - Model: Data and business logic
 - View: UI elements (Activities/Fragments)
 - ViewModel: Bridge between Model and View

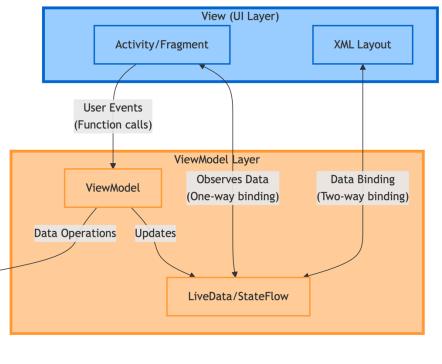
- Benefits
 - Better separation of concerns
 - Improved testability
 - UI components are less error-prone
 - Maintainable codebase



From: https://developer.android.com/topic/libraries/architecture/images/final-architecture.png







The Model Layer

Responsibility

- Represents business logic and data
- Manages data validation, storage, and retrieval
- Communicates with data sources (local/remote)

Example data class

```
data class User(
   val id: String,
   val name: String,
   val email: String,
   val profileUrl: String? = null
)
```

Example repository

```
class UserRepository(
    private val remoteDataSource: UserRemoteDataSource,
    private val localDataSource: UserLocalDataSource
) {
    suspend fun getUser(userId: String): User {
       // Check if user exists in local storage
        localDataSource.getUser(userId)?.let {
            return it
       // Fetch from remote source if not found locally
        val remoteUser = remoteDataSource.fetchUser(userId)
       // Cache the fetched user locally
        localDataSource.saveUser(remoteUser)
        return remoteUser
```

The ViewModel Layer

Responsibility

- Acts as a bridge between the View and Model
- Prepares and manages UIrelated data
- Survives configuration changes
- Handles user interactions from the View

```
class UserProfileViewModel(
   private val userRepository: UserRepository
) : ViewModel() {
   // LiveData to observe user details
    private val _userData = MutableLiveData<User>()
    val userData: LiveData<User> = userData
   // Loading state
    private val _isLoading = MutableLiveData<Boolean>()
   val isLoading: LiveData<Boolean> = isLoading
   // Error handling
    private val _error = MutableLiveData<String?>()
    val error: LiveData<String?> = _error
    fun loadUserProfile(userId: String) {
        viewModelScope.launch {
           try {
                isLoading.value = true
                _error.value = null
                val user = userRepository.getUser(userId)
                userData.value = user
           } catch (e: Exception) {
                _error.value = "Failed to load user profile: ${e.message}"
            } finally {
                _isLoading.value = false
```

The View Layer

Responsibility

- Renders UI components
- Observes ViewModel data
- Forwards user interactions to the ViewModel
- No business logic

```
class UserProfileActivity : ComponentActivity() {
   private val viewModel: UserProfileViewModel by viewModels {
       UserProfileViewModelFactory(UserRepository(remoteDataSource, localDataSou
   override fun onCreate(savedInstanceState: Bundle?) {
       super.onCreate(savedInstanceState)
       // Get user ID from intent
       val userId = intent.getStringExtra("USER ID") ?: return
       // Load user profile
       viewModel.loadUserProfile(userId)
       // Set content with Compose
       setContent {
           MyAppTheme {
                UserProfileScreen(viewModel)
```

```
@Composable
fun UserProfileScreen(viewModel: UserProfileViewModel) {
    // Observe LiveData values as State
   val userData by viewModel.userData.observeAsState()
   val isLoading by viewModel.isLoading.observeAsState(initial = false)
   val error by viewModel.error.observeAsState()
   // UI Layout with Compose
    Box(modifier = Modifier.fillMaxSize()) {
       // Error handling with SnackBar
       error?.let { errorMessage ->
            val snackbarHostState = remember { SnackbarHostState() }
            LaunchedEffect(errorMessage) {
               snackbarHostState.showSnackbar(message = errorMessage)
            SnackbarHost(
                hostState = snackbarHostState,
               modifier = Modifier.align(Alignment.BottomCenter)
       // Loading indicator
       if (isLoading) {
            CircularProgressIndicator(
               modifier = Modifier.align(Alignment.Center)
        // User profile content
        userData?.let { user ->
            Column (
                modifier = Modifier
                    .fillMaxSize()
                    .padding(16.dp),
               horizontalAlignment = Alignment.CenterHorizontally
                // Profile image
                AsyncImage(
                    model = ImageRequest.Builder(LocalContext.current)
                        .data(user.profileUrl)
```

Lifecycle of a viewmodel

The lifecycle of a ViewModel is tied directly to its **scope**. A ViewModel remains in memory until:

- In the case of an activity, when it finishes.
- In the case of a fragment, when it detaches.
- In the case of a Navigation entry, when it's removed from the back stack.

