Pragmatic Kotlin ❤

Practical Tips to migrate your Android App to Kotlin

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4. Ship it.

Common Converter Issues

- **TypeCasting** for the sake of Interoperability.
- **Companion** will add extra layer.
- If java method starting with **getFoo()**, converter looks for property with the name **foo**.
- Generics are hard to get it right on the first go.
- No argument captor.
- **git diff** If two developers are working on same

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    @Override
    public void displayMessageFromApi(String apiMessage) {
      ...
    }
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    public static Intent getStartIntent(Context context, String pokemonName) {
        Intent intent = new Intent(context, DetailActivity.class);
        intent.putExtra(EXTRA_POKEMON_NAME, pokemonName);
        return intent;
    }
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class DetailActivity : BaseActivity(), DetailMvpView {
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public class MainActivity extends BaseActivity implements MainMvpView {
  private void pokemonClicked(Pokemon pokemon) {
      startActivity(DetailActivity.Companion.getStartIntent(this, pokemon))
  }
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Remember: **you do not need to stress about migrating the entire codebase.*

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```
public interface DemoService {
    @GET("posts")
    Observable<PostResponse> getDemoResponse();

    @GET("categories")
    Observable<CategoryResponse> getDemoResponse2();
}
```

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```
interface DemoService {
    @get:GET("posts")
    val demoResponse: Observable<PostResponse>

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    val demoResponse2: Observable<CategotyResponse>
}
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Expecting methods **demoResponse** and **demoResponse2**, They are being interpreted as getter methods, this will cause lots of issues.

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mockito-kotlin library provides supporting functions to solve this problem

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- **@JvmField** to rescue while using ButterKnife **@InjectView** and Espresso **@Rule**

Eliminate all !! from your Kotlin **code**

1. Use **val** instead of **var**
2. Use **lateinit**
3. Use **let** function
4. User **Elivis** operator

Use val **instead of** var

- Kotlin makes you think about immutability on the language level and that’s great.
- *var* and *val* mean "writable" and "read-only"
- If you use them as immutables, you don’t have to care about nullability.

Use lateinit

```
private var adapter: RecyclerAdapter<Droids>? = null

override fun onCreate(savedInstanceState: Bundle?) {
    super.onCreate(savedInstanceState)
    mAdapter = RecyclerAdapter(R.layout.item_droid)
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fun updateTransactions() {
    adapter!!.notifyDataSetChanged()
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fun uploadClicked() {
    if (photoUrl != null) {
        uploadPhoto(photoUrl!!)
    }
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    if (mUserName != null) {
        return mUserName!!
    } else {
        return "Anonymous"
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Check http://kotlinextensions.com/

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```
apply plugin: 'com.android.application'
apply plugin: 'kotlin-android'
apply plugin: 'kotlin-android-extensions'
```

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

    <TextView
        android:id="@+id/welcomeMessage"
        android:layout_width="wrap_content"
        android:layout_height="wrap_content"
        android:layout_gravity="center"
        android:text="Hello World!"/>

</FrameLayout>
```

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```
override fun onCreate(savedInstanceState: Bundle?) {
    super.onCreate(savedInstanceState)
    setContentView(R.layout.activity_main)
    TextView welcomeMessageView = findViewById(R.id.welcomeMessage),

    welcomeMessageView.text = "Hello BlrKotlin!"
}
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```
public class MyParcelable implements Parcelable {
     private int mData;
     public int describeContents() { return 0; }
     public void writeToParcel(Parcel out, int flags) { out.writeInt(mData); }
     public static final Parcelable.Creator<MyParcelable> CREATOR
             = new Parcelable.Creator<MyParcelable>() {

         public MyParcelable createFromParcel(Parcel in) { return new MyParcelable(in); }

         public MyParcelable[] newArray(int size) { return new MyParcelable[size];}
     };

     private MyParcelable(Parcel in) { mData = in.readInt(); }
 }
```

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Converted Kotlin Class:

```
data class MyParcelable(var data: Int): Parcelable {
    override fun describeContents() = 1
    override fun writeToParcel(dest: Parcel, flags: Int) { dest.writeInt(data)}

    companion object {
        @JvmField
        val CREATOR = object : Parcelable.Creator<MyParcelable> {
            override fun createFromParcel(source: Parcel): MyParcelable {
                val data = source.readInt(); return MyParcelable(data)
            }
            override fun newArray(size: Int) = arrayOfNulls<MyParcelable>(size)
        }
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Don’t try to learn the whole language at once

Questions?

Thank You

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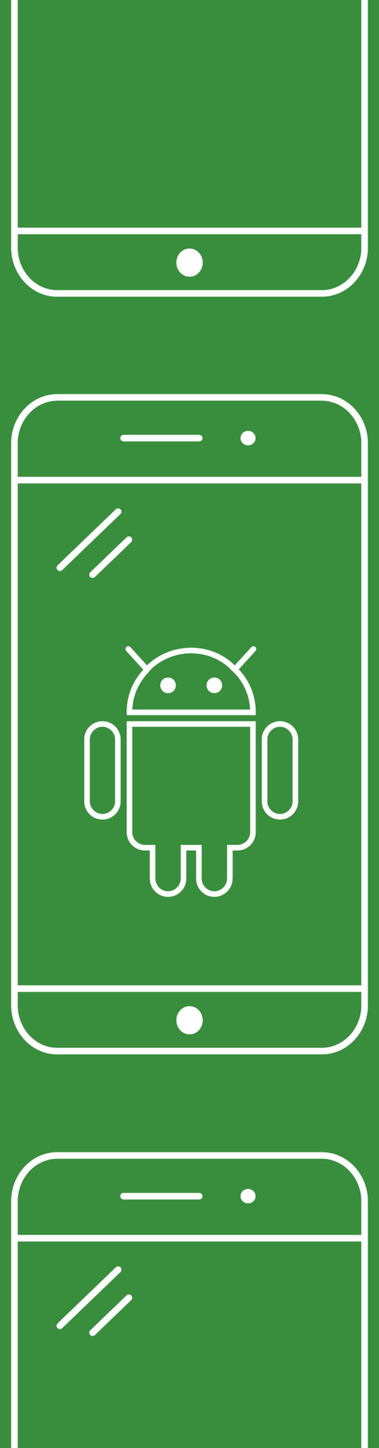

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