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Android Studio Applications with Kotlin

View binding

- View binding makes it easier to reference Views created in xml
- it generates a *binding class* for each XML layout file present in your project
- instance of a binding class contains direct references to all views that have an ID in the corresponding layout.
- To enable view binding set the viewBinding build option to true in the module-level build.gradle file
- More information:
<https://developer.android.com/topic/libraries/view-binding>

```
android {  
    ...  
    buildFeatures {  
        viewBinding = true  
    }  
}
```

View binding - usage

- Add and id to all the XML elements you want to access in code

```
<TextView  
    android:id="@+id/textViewWeight"  
    ... />
```

- Import automatically created binding class in Kotlin file

```
import com.example.bmi_calculator.databinding.ActivityMainBinding
```

- Inflate binding

```
binding = ActivityMainBinding.inflate(layoutInflater)  
setContentView(binding.root)
```

- Easily access elements by their id

```
binding.textViewWeight.text = "Please enter your Weight"  
val height = binding.editTextHeight.text.toString().toFloat()
```

Android Studios Layout Editor

edit the file in
code or
design view

The screenshot displays the Android Studio interface with the Layout Editor. The XML code on the left defines a layout with two text input fields and a calculate button. The design preview in the center shows a visual representation of this layout. The attribute inspector on the right shows the properties of the selected text view.

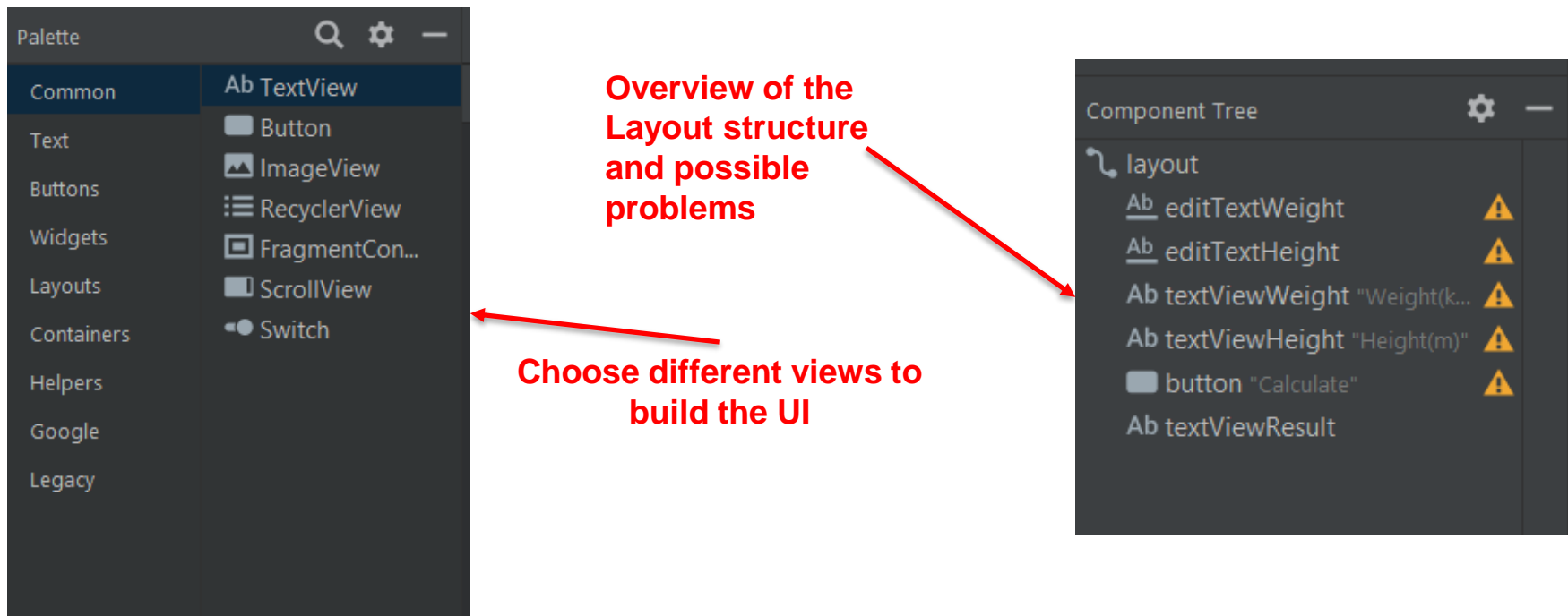
Change size, orientation and night mode of the preview

Set the id of the current view

Change attributes like color, padding, margin gravity...

Use drag and drop functionality

Android Studios Layout Editor



- **Dp: density-independent pixels**
- **1dp = 0.15875 mm**
- **Do not use absolute values for positions**

BMI Calculator App

Weight(kg)

Weight in kg

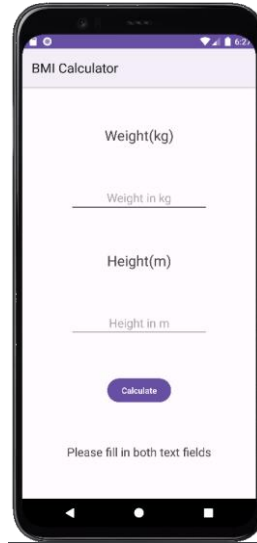
Height(m)

Height in m

Calculate

Component Tree

```
layout
├── Ab editTextWeight
├── Ab editTextHeight
├── Ab textViewWeight "Weight(kg)"
├── Ab textViewHeight "Height(m)"
├── button "Calculate"
└── Ab textViewResult
```



```
package com.example.bmi_calculator
```

```
import androidx.appcompat.app.AppCompatActivity
```

```
import android.os.Bundle
```

```
import com.example.bmi_calculator.databinding.ActivityMainBinding
```

```
class MainActivity : AppCompatActivity() {
    lateinit var binding: ActivityMainBinding
```

```
    override fun onCreate(savedInstanceState: Bundle?) {
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState)
```

```
        binding = ActivityMainBinding.inflate(layoutInflater)
        setContentView(binding.root)
```

```
        binding.button.setOnClickListener {
```

```
            try {
```

```
                val weight = binding.editTextWeight.text.toString().toFloat()
```

```
                val height = binding.editTextHeight.text.toString().toFloat()
```

```
                if (weight > 0 && height > 0) {
```

```
                    val bmi = weight / (height * height)
```

```
                    binding.textViewResult.text = "Your BMI is $bmi"
```

```
                } else {
```

```
                    binding.textViewResult.text =
```

```
                        "Your weight and height can't be zero"
```

```
                }
```

```
            } catch (e: NumberFormatException) {
```

```
                binding.textViewResult.text = "Please fill in both text fields"
```

```
            }
```

```
        }
```

```
    }
```



ToDo List App – RecyclerView

- Use RecyclerView to create an efficient scrollable list
- To add content to a recycler view add an adapter and a layout
- The layout can also be specified in XML
- You can set up an own layout file for the single list elements
- The adapter class manages to pass the data of the currently visible elements to the views

ToDo List Adapter

```
package com.example.todolist

import android.view.LayoutInflater
import android.view.ViewGroup
import androidx.recyclerview.widget.RecyclerView
import com.example.todolist.databinding.TodoItemBinding

class ToDoListAdapter(private val list: List<String>): RecyclerView.Adapter<ToDoListAdapter.ToDoViewHolder>()
{
    //Class for managing a single list item
    class ToDoViewHolder(private var binding: TodoItemBinding): RecyclerView.ViewHolder(binding.root) {
        fun onBind(text: String){
            //fill UI elements with data, add click listeners
            binding.textView.text = text
        }
    }

    override fun onCreateViewHolder(parent: ViewGroup, viewType: Int): ToDoListAdapter.ToDoViewHolder {
        val binding = TodoItemBinding.inflate(LayoutInflater.from(parent.context), parent, false)
        return ToDoViewHolder(binding)
    }

    override fun onBindViewHolder(holder: ToDoListAdapter.ToDoViewHolder, position: Int) {
        //Pass data at list position to the ViewHolder
        holder.onBind(list[position])
    }

    override fun getItemCount(): Int {
        return list.size
    }
}
```

Todo_item layout

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```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<LinearLayout
    xmlns:android="http://schemas.android.com/apk/res/android"
    xmlns:tools="http://schemas.android.com/tools"
    android:layout_width="match_parent"
    android:layout_height="wrap_content"
    android:layout_margin="5dp"
    android:background="@drawable/background_item"
    android:orientation="horizontal"
    android:layout_gravity="center"
    android:padding="5dp">

    <CheckBox
        android:id="@+id/checkBox"
        android:layout_width="wrap_content"
        android:layout_height="wrap_content"
        android:layout_gravity="center_vertical" />

    <TextView
        android:id="@+id/textView"
        android:layout_width="wrap_content"
        android:layout_height="wrap_content"
        android:layout_gravity="center_vertical"
        android:padding="2dp"
        android:textSize="16sp"
        tools:text="@tools:sample/lorem" />
</LinearLayout>
```



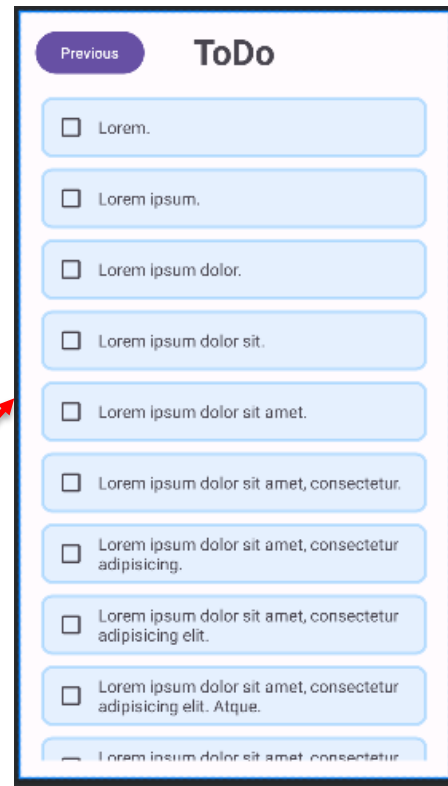
ToDo List App – RecyclerView

```
//Instantiate adapter and add it to recycler view
val adapter = TodoListAdapter(todoList)
binding.recyclerView.adapter = adapter
//Use this if you haven't set up an a layout manager in xml
val layoutManager = LinearLayoutManager(context)
linearLayoutManager.orientation = LinearLayoutManager.VERTICAL
binding.recyclerView.layoutManager = layoutManager
```

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<androidx.constraintlayout.widget.ConstraintLayout
    ...>
    <Button
        ... />
    <androidx.recyclerview.widget.RecyclerView
        android:id="@+id/recyclerView"
        android:layout_width="0dp"
        android:layout_height="0dp"
        android:layout_marginTop="16dp"
        app:layoutManager="androidx.recyclerview.widget.LinearLayoutManager"
        tools:listitem="@layout/todo_item"
        app:layout_constraintBottom_toBottomOf="parent"
        app:layout_constraintEnd_toEndOf="parent"
        app:layout_constraintStart_toStartOf="parent"
        app:layout_constraintTop_toBottomOf="@+id/textView2" />
    <TextView
        .../>
</androidx.constraintlayout.widget.ConstraintLayout>
```

Set up a layout manager

Use tools:listitem to generate a preview in the Layout editor



Links

- View bindings:
<https://developer.android.com/topic/libraries/view-binding>
- Recycler view:
<https://developer.android.com/develop/ui/views/layout/recyclerview>
- Constraint Layout
<https://developer.android.com/develop/ui/views/layout/constraint-layout>