

askme: Tech Stack Implementation

Optimized KMP Development Environment with 4-Tier Storage

Overview

- Complete Kotlin Multiplatform Mobile (KMP) development environment
- 4-Tier cloud-synchronized storage system for offline/online development
- 4+ API-based LLM provider integration with fallback system
- Cross-platform development capability (Android focus)
- Enterprise-grade security with credential protection
- Storage Required: 64GB USB + 44GB cloud

PHASE 1: Environment & Prerequisites Verification

Checkpoint 1: Hardware & Account Verification


- [x] 1.1 64GB+ USB drive available and mounted
- [x] 1.2 Chromebook with Crostini Linux enabled and functional
- [x] 1.3 Stable internet connection (test with ``ping -c 3 google.com``)
- [x] 1.4 4+ hours dedicated time allocated
- [x] VALIDATION: All hardware requirements met

Checkpoint 2: Cloud Storage Accounts

- [x] 2.1 Google Drive account (15GB free tier)
- [x] 2.2 Box.com account (10GB free tier)
- [x] 2.3 Mega.nz account (20GB free tier)
- [x] 2.4 GitHub account for repository hosting
- [x] VALIDATION: All cloud accounts accessible

Checkpoint 3: USB Drive Structure Setup

- [x] 3.1 Mount USB drive: Settings → Linux → USB devices
- [x] 3.2 Set USB path: ``export USB_PATH="askme"``
- [x] 3.3 Create directories: ``mkdir -p $USB_PATH/{src,tools,docs,backups,logs}``
- [x] 3.4 Create tools subdirs: ``mkdir -p $USB_PATH/tools/{jdk17,android-studio,android-sdk}``
- [x] 3.5 Make permanent: ``echo 'export USB_PATH="askme"' >> ~/.bashrc``
- [x] VALIDATION: ``ls -la $USB_PATH`` shows all directories
- [x] SUCCESS CRITERIA: USB structure ready, 50GB+ available space

 **ROLLBACK 1:** If USB issues occur, unmount/remount via Chrome OS settings, verify path with ``df -h``

PHASE 2: Core Development Tools

Checkpoint 4: JDK 17 Installation

- [x] 4.1 Update system: ``sudo apt update && sudo apt upgrade -y``
- [x] 4.2 Install OpenJDK 17: ``sudo apt install openjdk-17-jdk``

[x] 4.3 Set JAVA_HOME: ``echo 'export JAVA_HOME="/usr/lib/jvm/java-17-openjdk-amd64"' >> ~/.bashrc``

[x] 4.4 Reload environment: ``source ~/.bashrc``

[x] VALIDATION: ``java -version`` shows 17.0.10+ and ``echo $JAVA_HOME`` shows correct path

[x] EXPECTED OUTPUT: ``openjdk version "17.0.XX"```

Checkpoint 5: Kotlin 1.9.10 via SDKMAN

[x] 5.1 Install SDKMAN: ``curl -s "https://get.sdkman.io" | bash``

[x] 5.2 Initialize: ``source ~/.sdkman/bin/sdkman-init.sh``

[x] 5.3 Install Kotlin: ``sdk install kotlin 1.9.10``

[x] 5.4 Set default: ``sdk default kotlin 1.9.10``

[x] VALIDATION: ``kotlin -version`` shows exactly "1.9.10-release-459"

[x] BENCHMARK: SDKMAN installation < 5 minutes


Checkpoint 6: Gradle 8.4 Installation

[x] 6.1 Install Gradle: ``sdk install gradle 8.4``

[x] 6.2 Set default: ``sdk default gradle 8.4``

[x] VALIDATION: ``gradle --version`` shows Gradle 8.4 + Kotlin 1.9.10

[x] SUCCESS CRITERIA: Perfect version alignment confirmed

 **ROLLBACK 2:** If version conflicts occur, use ``sdk uninstall kotlin 1.9.10`` and ``sdk uninstall gradle 8.4``, then reinstall

PHASE 3: Android Development Environment

Checkpoint 7: Android SDK Configuration

[x] 7.1 Set Android SDK path: ``export ANDROID_HOME="$USB_PATH/tools/android-sdk"```

[x] 7.2 Add to PATH: ``export`

`PATH="$PATH:$ANDROID_HOME/tools:$ANDROID_HOME/platform-tools"```

[x] 7.3 Make permanent: ``echo 'export ANDROID_HOME="$USB_PATH/tools/android-sdk"' >> ~/.bashrc``

[x] 7.4 Download command line tools to ``$ANDROID_HOME/tools/``

[x] VALIDATION: ``echo $ANDROID_HOME`` shows USB path

Checkpoint 8: SDK Components Installation

[x] 8.1 Install Platform 34: ``$ANDROID_HOME/tools/bin/sdkmanager "platforms;android-34"```


[x] 8.2 Install Build Tools: ``$ANDROID_HOME/tools/bin/sdkmanager "build-tools;34.0.0"```

[x] 8.3 Install Platform Tools: ``$ANDROID_HOME/tools/bin/sdkmanager "platform-tools"```

[x] VALIDATION: ``$ANDROID_HOME/tools/bin/sdkmanager --list | grep "platforms;android-34"```

[x] BENCHMARK: SDK installation < 15 minutes

[x] SUCCESS CRITERIA: All Android SDK components functional

 **ROLLBACK 3:** If SDK manager fails, delete ``$ANDROID_HOME`` directory and re-download command line tools

PHASE 4: KMP Project Initialization

🎯 Checkpoint 9: Project Directory Setup

- [x] 9.1 Navigate to source: ``cd $USB_PATH/src``
- [x] 9.2 Create project: ``mkdir -p askme && cd askme``
- [x] 9.3 Create structure: ``mkdir -p gradle src/{commonMain,androidMain}/kotlin``
- [x] VALIDATION: ``pwd`` shows correct project path

🎯 Checkpoint 10: Gradle Configuration Files

- [x] 10.1 Create ``gradle/libs.versions.toml`` with Kotlin 1.9.10, Gradle 8.4
- [x] 10.2 Create ``settings.gradle.kts`` with project configuration
- [x] 10.3 Create ``build.gradle.kts`` with KMP + Android setup
- [x] 10.4 Create ``gradle.properties`` with Chromebook optimizations:

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android.useAndroidX=true
org.gradle.jvmargs=-Xmx1024m
org.gradle.daemon=false
...
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- [x] VALIDATION: All configuration files created

🎯 Checkpoint 11: Initial Build Test

- [x] 11.1 Initialize Gradle wrapper: ``gradle wrapper --gradle-version 8.4``
- [x] 11.2 Test version alignment: ``./gradlew --version``
- [x] 11.3 Create minimal AndroidManifest.xml and MainActivity.kt
- [x] 11.4 Execute test build: ``./gradlew compileKotlinMetadata``
- [x] VALIDATION: Build successful with "BUILD SUCCESSFUL" message
- [x] BENCHMARK: Initial build < 10 minutes
- [x] SUCCESS CRITERIA: KMP project structure functional

⚠️ **ROLLBACK 4:** If build fails, check ``gradle.properties`` settings, verify all files in correct KMP structure (``src/commonMain/kotlin``)

✅ PHASE 5: Version Control & Cloud Setup

🎯 Checkpoint 12: Git Configuration

- [x] 12.1 Install Git: ``sudo apt install git``
- [x] 12.2 Configure user: ``git config --global user.name "your-username"``
- [x] 12.3 Configure email: ``git config --global user.email "your-email@example.com"``
- [x] 12.4 Set default branch: ``git config --global init.defaultBranch main``
- [x] 12.5 Initialize repository: ``git init``
- [x] VALIDATION: ``git config --list | grep user`` shows correct configuration

🎯 Checkpoint 13: rclone Cloud Storage Setup

- [x] 13.1 Install rclone: ``curl https://rclone.org/install.sh | sudo bash``
- [x] 13.2 Configure Google Drive remote: ``rclone config`` (name: ``askme``)
- [x] 13.3 Configure Box.com remote: ``rclone config`` (name: ``askme-box``)
- [x] 13.4 Configure Mega.nz remote: ``rclone config`` (name: ``askme-mega``)
- [x] VALIDATION: ``rclone listremotes`` shows all three remotes
- [x] SUCCESS CRITERIA: 4-tier storage architecture ready

⚠ **ROLLBACK 5:** If rclone config fails, use ``rclone config delete <remote-name>`` and reconfigure

✅ **PHASE 6: API Provider Integration (4 Required)**

🎯 **Checkpoint 14: HTTP Dependencies**

- [x] 14.1 Add OkHttp to ``build.gradle.kts``:
``implementation("com.squareup.okhttp3:okhttp:4.12.0")``
- [x] 14.2 Add JSON serialization:
``implementation("org.jetbrains.kotlinx:kotlinx-serialization-json:1.6.0")``
- [x] 14.3 Add coroutines: ``implementation("org.jetbrains.kotlinx:kotlinx-coroutines-android:1.7.3")``
- [x] 14.4 Sync dependencies: ``./gradlew build``
- [x] VALIDATION: Build successful with all HTTP dependencies

🎯 **Checkpoint 15: API Client Structure**

- [x] 15.1 Create API package: ``mkdir -p src/commonMain/kotlin/com/askme/api``
- [x] 15.2 Create ClaudeClient.kt for Anthropic Claude 4 integration
- [x] 15.3 Create OpenAIClient.kt for GPT-4 integration
- [x] 15.4 Create GeminiClient.kt for Google Gemini integration
- [x] 15.5 Create MistralClient.kt for Mistral AI integration
- [x] 15.6 Create ApiManager.kt with fallback logic (Claude → OpenAI → Gemini → Mistral)
- [x] VALIDATION: All 4 API clients created in proper KMP structure

🎯 **Checkpoint 16: API Integration Test**

- [x] 16.1 Test compilation: ``./gradlew compileKotlinMetadata``
- [x] 16.2 Verify fallback system logic in ApiManager
- [x] VALIDATION: 4-provider API system compiles successfully
- [x] BENCHMARK: Build with API clients < 5 minutes
- [x] SUCCESS CRITERIA: Complete LLM provider integration ready

⚠ **ROLLBACK 6:** If API integration fails, check KMP directory structure, ensure all files in ``src/commonMain/kotlin``

✅ **PHASE 7: Security & Sync Implementation**

🎯 **Checkpoint 17: Security Configuration**

- [x] 17.1 master_sync.sh - 4-tier orchestrated synchronization with enhanced security filters
- [x] 17.2 Copy sync script to USB: ``cp master_sync.sh $USB_PATH/``
- [x] 17.3 Make executable: ``chmod +x $USB_PATH/master_sync.sh``
- [x] 17.4 Remove sensitive files: ``find $USB_PATH -name "local.properties" -delete``
- [x] VALIDATION: No API keys found with ``find $USB_PATH -name ".env" -o -name "_api_key"``

🎯 **Checkpoint 18: Initial Sync Execution**

- [x] 18.1 Test dry run: ``$USB_PATH/master_sync.sh`` → option 7 (Test Sync)
- [x] 18.2 Execute full backup: ``$USB_PATH/master_sync.sh`` → option 4

[x] 18.3 Monitor progress: ``tail -f $USB_PATH/tiered_sync.log``
[x] VALIDATION: All 4 tiers populated, security filters active
[x] BENCHMARK: Full sync < 30 minutes depending on connection
[x] SUCCESS CRITERIA: 4-tier storage operational with zero sensitive files synced
⚠️ **ROLLBACK 7:** If sync fails, check rclone remotes with ``rclone listremotes``, verify cloud storage quotas

✅ PHASE 8: Environment Optimization

🎯 Checkpoint 19: Environment Variables & Aliases

[x] 19.1 Set environment: ``echo 'export askme_ENV="chromebook"' >> ~/.bashrc``
[x] 19.2 Create sync alias: ``echo 'alias sync-tiers="$USB_PATH/master_sync.sh"' >> ~/.bashrc``
[x] 19.3 Create dev alias: ``echo 'alias askme-dev="cd $USB_PATH/src/askme"' >> ~/.bashrc``
[x] 19.4 Reload: ``source ~/.bashrc``
[x] VALIDATION: ``echo $askme_ENV`` shows "chromebook"

🎯 Checkpoint 20: Local Development Workspace

[x] 20.1 Create local workspace: ``mkdir -p ~/askme-dev``
[x] 20.2 Create symlinks: ``ln -s $USB_PATH/src/askme ~/askme-dev/``
[x] 20.3 Create development alias: ``echo 'alias askme-dev="cd ~/askme-dev/askme"' >> ~/.bashrc``
[x] 20.4 VALIDATION: ``askme-dev && pwd`` shows correct path

✅ PHASE 9: Quality Tools & Final Validation

🎯 Checkpoint 21: Quality Tools Integration

[x] 21.1 Add Detekt plugin to ``build.gradle.kts``
[x] 21.2 Add ktlint plugin to ``build.gradle.kts``
[x] 21.3 Generate Detekt config: ``./gradlew detektGenerateConfig``
[x] 21.4 Run quality checks: ``./gradlew detekt ktlintCheck``
[x] 21.5 VALIDATION: Quality tools run without errors

🎯 Checkpoint 22: Final System Validation

[x] 22.1 Full project build: ``./gradlew build``
[x] 22.2 Dependency validation: ``./gradlew dependencies``
[x] 24.3 Version alignment check: All tools show correct versions
[x] 24.4 Sync architecture test: ``sync-tiers`` shows 4-tier menu
[x] 24.5 VALIDATION: Complete system functional

✅ FINAL VALIDATION CHECKLIST

Core Versions

[x] V.1 JDK version: ``java -version`` shows 17.0.10+

- [x] V.2 Kotlin version: `kotlin -version` shows 1.9.10-release-459
- [x] V.3 Gradle version: `gradle --version` shows 8.4 + Kotlin 1.9.10
- [x] V.4 Android SDK: Platform 34 functional

Project Build

- [x] V.5 KMP compilation: `./gradlew compileKotlinMetadata` succeeds
- [x] V.6 Full build: `./gradlew build` succeeds
- [x] V.7 Dependencies resolve correctly
- [x] BENCHMARK: Full build < 6 minutes

API Integration (4 Providers Required)

- [x] V.8 Claude 4 client functional
- [x] V.9 OpenAI GPT-4 client functional
- [x] V.10 Google Gemini client functional
- [x] V.11 Mistral AI client functional
- [x] V.12 Fallback system operational

Storage Architecture (4-Tier)

- [x] V.13 TIER 1 (USB): Full environment < 50GB
- [x] V.14 TIER 2 (Google Drive): Remote functional, < 14GB
- [x] V.15 TIER 3 (Box.com): Remote functional, < 10GB
- [x] V.16 TIER 4 (Mega.nz): Remote functional, < 20GB

Security Validation

- [x] V.17 No API keys in cloud storage
- [x] V.18 Security filters active and comprehensive
- [x] V.19 Sync operations secure and filtered9.10-release-459
- [x] V.3 Gradle version: `gradle --version` shows 8.4 + Kotlin 1.9.10
- [x] V.4 Android SDK: Platform 34 functional