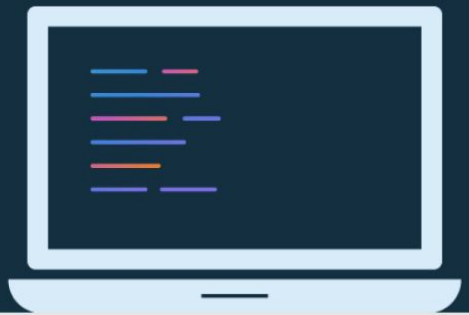
Lesson 12: Repository pattern and WorkManager



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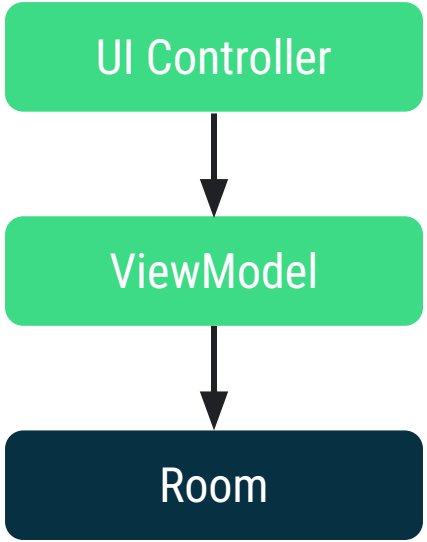
Repository pattern

Existing app architecture



Relative data speeds

Operation	Relative speed
Reading from `LiveData`	FAST
Reading from `Room` database	SLOW
Reading from network	SLOWEST

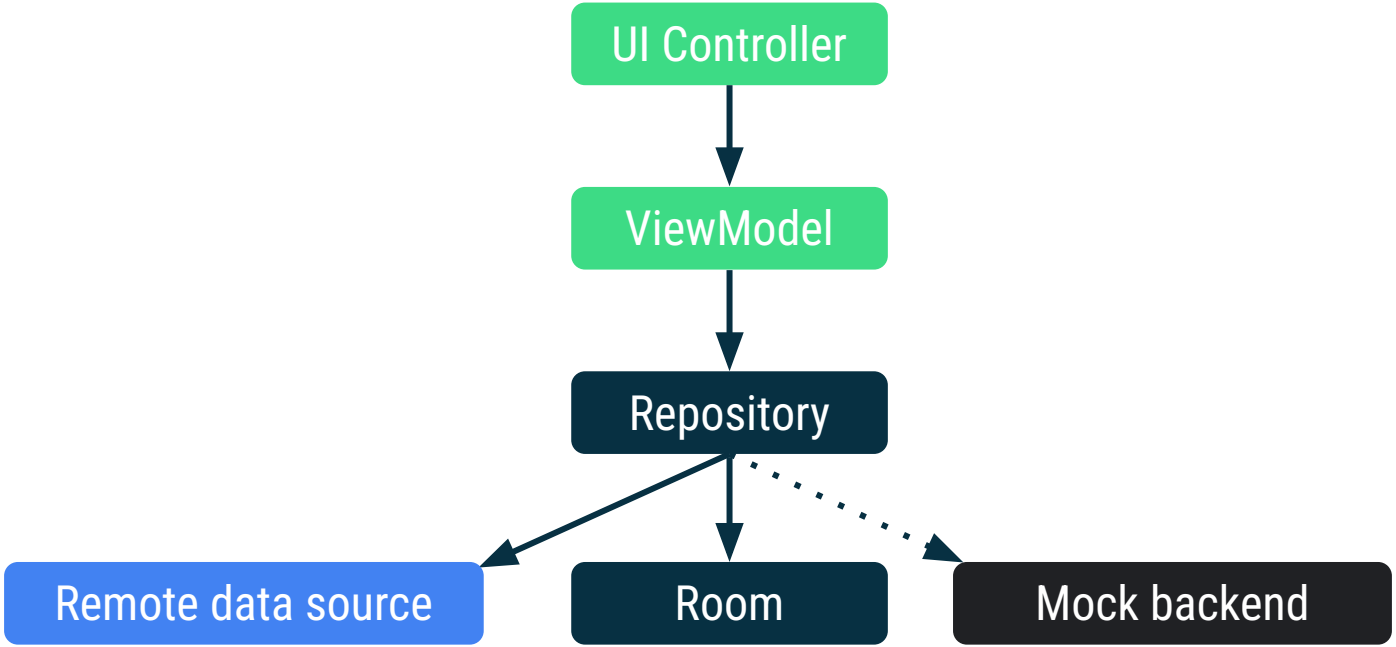
Cache network responses

- Account for long network request times and still be responsive to the user
- Use `Room` locally when retrieval from the network may be costly or difficult
- Can cache based on the least recently used (LRU) value, frequently accessed (FRU) values, or other algorithm

Repository pattern

- Can abstract away multiple data sources from the caller
- Supports fast retrieval using local database while sending network request for data refresh (which can take longer)
- Can test data sources separately from other aspects of your app

App architecture with repository pattern



Implement a repository class

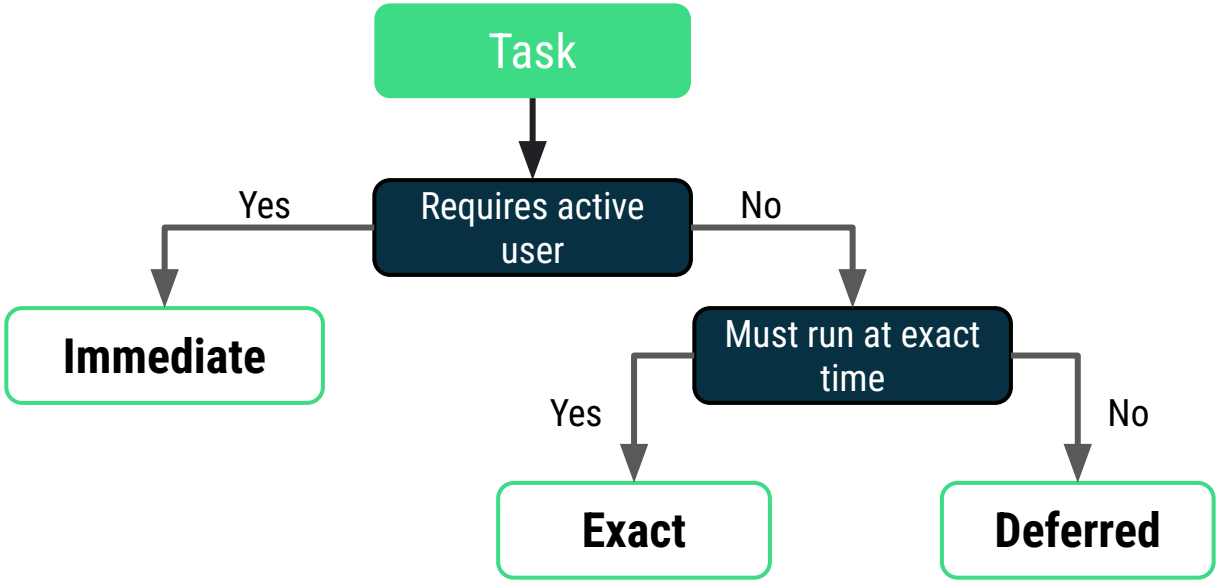
- Provide a common interface to access data:
  - Expose functions to query and modify the underlying data
- Depending on your data sources, the repository can:
  - Hold a reference to the DAO, if your data is in a database
  - Make network requests if you connect to a web service

WorkManager

WorkManager

- Android Jetpack architecture component
- Recommended solution to execute background work (immediate or deferred)
- Opportunistic and guaranteed execution
- Execution can be based on certain conditions

When to use WorkManager



Declare WorkManager dependencies

```
implementation "androidx.work:work-runtime-ktx:$work_version"
```

Important classes to know

- `Worker` - does the work on a background thread, override `doWork()` method
- `WorkRequest` - request to do some work
- `Constraint` - conditions on when the work can run
- `WorkManager` - schedules the `WorkRequest` to be run

Define the work

```
class UploadWorker(appContext: Context, workerParams: WorkerParameters) :
        Worker(appContext, workerParams) {

    override fun doWork(): Result {

        // Do the work here. In this case, upload the images.
        uploadImages()

        // Indicate whether work finished successfully with the Result
        return Result.success()
    }
}
```

Extend CoroutineWorker instead of Worker

```
class UploadWorker(appContext: Context, workerParams: WorkerParameters) :
        CoroutineWorker(appContext, workerParams) {

    override suspend fun doWork(): Result {

        // Do the work here (in this case, upload the images)
        uploadImages()

        // Indicate whether work finished successfully with the Result
        return Result.success()
    }
}
```

WorkRequests

- Can be scheduled to run once or repeatedly
  - `OneTimeWorkRequest`
  - `PeriodicWorkRequest`
- Persisted across device reboots
- Can be chained to run sequentially or in parallel
- Can have constraints under which they will run

Schedule a OneTimeWorkRequest

Create `WorkRequest`:

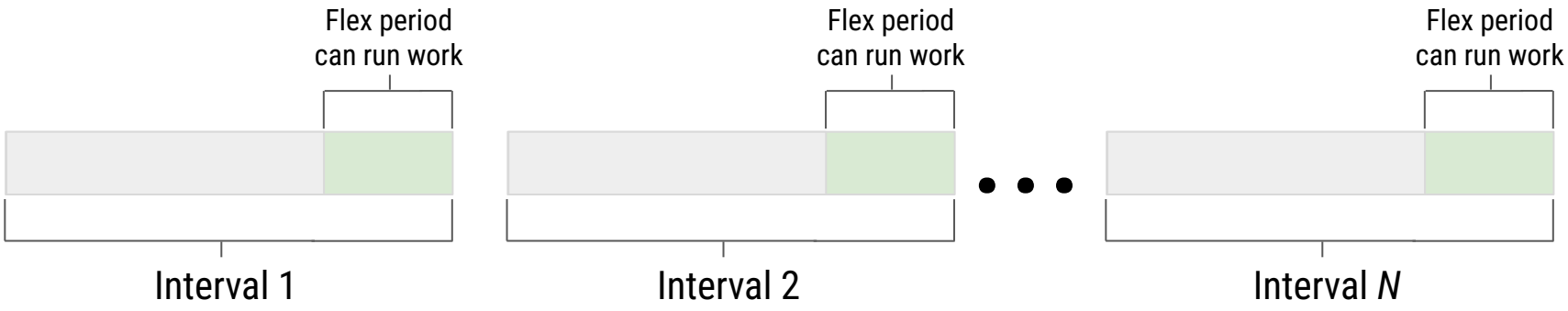
```
val uploadWorkRequest: WorkRequest =
   OneTimeWorkRequestBuilder<UploadWorker>()
       .build()
```

Add the work to the `WorkManager` queue:

```
WorkManager.getInstance(myContext)
    .enqueue(uploadWorkRequest)
```

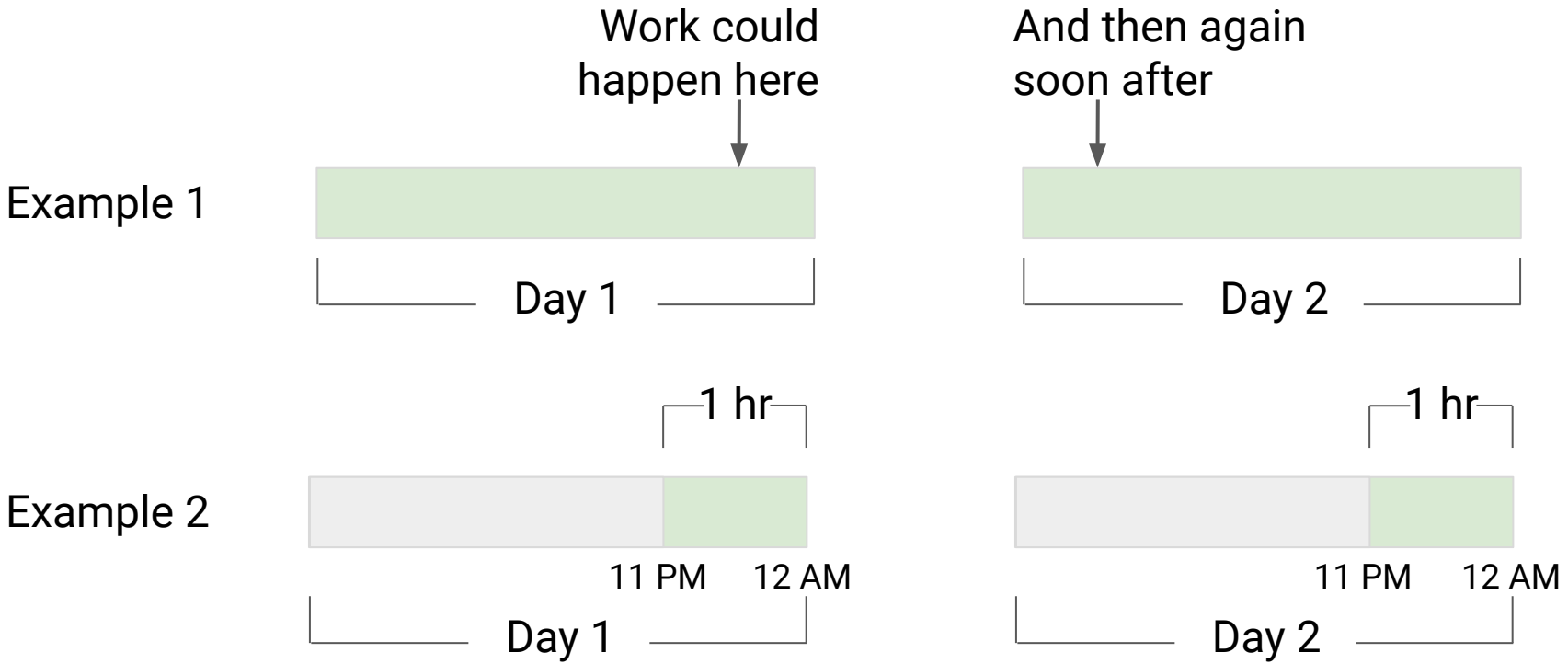
Schedule a PeriodicWorkRequest

- Set a repeat interval
- Set a flex interval (optional)



Specify an interval using `TimeUnit` (e.g., `TimeUnit.HOURS`, `TimeUnit.DAYS`)

Flex interval



PeriodicWorkRequest example

```
val repeatingRequest = PeriodicWorkRequestBuilder<RefreshDataWorker>(
        1, TimeUnit.HOURS,     // repeatInterval
        15, TimeUnit.MINUTES   // flexInterval
    ).build()
```

Enqueue periodic work

```
WorkManager.getInstance().enqueueUniquePeriodicWork(
    "Unique Name",
    ExistingPeriodicWorkPolicy.KEEP, // or REPLACE
    repeatingRequest
)
```

Work input and output

Define Worker with input and output

```
class MathWorker(context: Context, params: WorkerParameters):
      CoroutineWorker(context, params)  {

    override suspend fun doWork(): Result {
        val x = inputData.getInt(KEY_X_ARG, 0)
        val y = inputData.getInt(KEY_Y_ARG, 0)
        val result = computeMathFunction(x, y)
        val output: Data = workDataOf(KEY_RESULT to result)
        return Result.success(output)
    }
}
```

Result output from doWork()

Result status	Result status with output
`Result.success()`	`Result.success(output)`
`Result.failure()`	`Result.failure(output)`
`Result.retry()`	

Send input data to Worker

```
val complexMathWork = OneTimeWorkRequest<MathWorker>()
    .setInputData(
        workDataOf(
            "X_ARG" to 42,
            "Y_ARG" to 421,
        )
    ).build()

WorkManager.getInstance(myContext).enqueue(complexMathWork)
```

WorkRequest constraints

Constraints

- `setRequiredNetworkType`
- `setRequiresBatteryNotLow`
- `setRequiresCharging`
- `setTriggerContentMaxDelay`
- `requiresDeviceIdle`

Constraints example

```
val constraints = Constraints.Builder()
    .setRequiredNetworkType(NetworkType.UNMETERED)
    .setRequiresCharging(true)
    .setRequiresBatteryNotLow(true)
    .setRequiresDeviceIdle(true)
    .build()

val myWorkRequest: WorkRequest = OneTimeWorkRequestBuilder<MyWork>()
    .setConstraints(constraints)
    .build()
```

Summary

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In Lesson 12, you learned how to:

- Use a repository to abstract the data layer from the rest of the app
- Schedule background tasks efficiently and optimize them using `WorkManager`
- Create custom `Worker` classes to specify the work to be done
- Create and enqueue one-time or periodic work requests

Learn more

- Fetch data
- Schedule tasks with WorkManager
- Define work requests
- Connect ViewModel and the repository
- Use WorkManager for immediate background execution

Pathway

Practice what you've learned by completing the pathway:

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