

Modern development with **Jetpack Compose**



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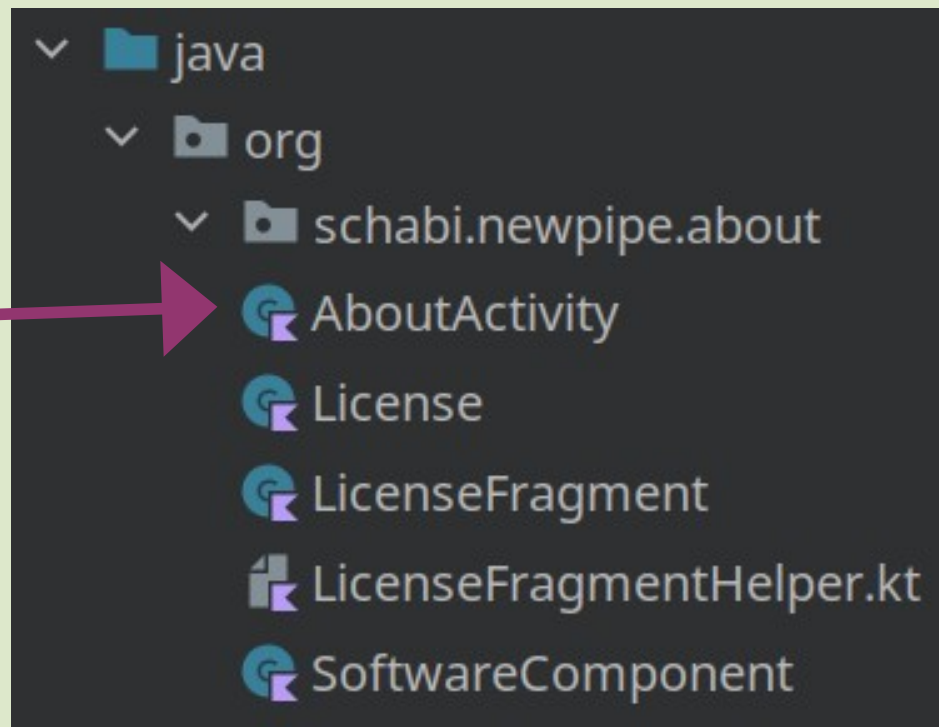
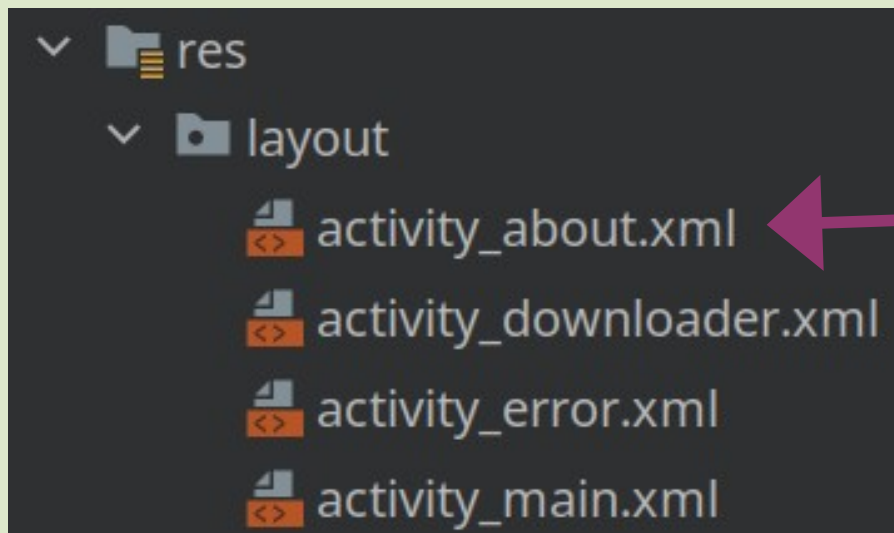


Traditional Android development



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```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<LinearLayout>

    <TextView android:id="@+id/my_text_view" />

    <Button android:id="@+id/my_button" />

</LinearLayout>
```



```
setContentView(R.layout.activity_about)

val myTextView = findViewById<TextView>(R.id.my_text_view)
val myButton = findViewById<Button>(R.id.my_button)

myTextView.text = "My text view text"
myButton.setOnClickListener { it: View!
    print("Text clicked!")
}
```

Declarative approach



Imperative vs Declarative

(1) Create initial
view **tree**

(2) Keep tree in
sync with state

UI =

$f(\text{state})$



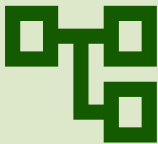
State



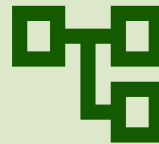
single source of truth



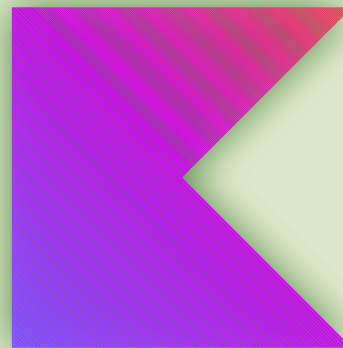
UI is **redrawn/recomposed** when
it changes*



*frameworks perform **diffs** to
make this fast



Jetpack **Compose**





```
@Composable
fun ChatMessage(data: MessageData) {
    Column(modifier = ... ) {
        Text(
            data.messageAuthor,
            style = ... ,
        )

        Spacer(modifier = Modifier.height(4.dp))

        Text(data.messageText)
    }
}
```



```
ChatMessage(  
    data = MessageData(  
        messageText = "Hi John, ...",  
        messageAuthor = "Mario Rossi",  
    )  
)
```

Mario Rossi

Hi John, check out Jetpack Compose!



Traditional vs Compose

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- ▮ Fewer **state** bugs
 - ▮ **Reusability**
 - ▮ **Less boilerplate**
- And more...*

Hands on!



- download **Android Studio**: <https://developer.android.com/studio>
- open Android Studio and download the **demo app** we'll work on by pressing on "File -> New -> Project from version control..." and inserting this URL: <https://github.com/Stypox/compose-demo>
- wait until the project loads, then **build** the project by pressing on "Build -> Make Project"
- *(optional, UI previews can be viewed even without)* download an **emulator** using this tutorial:
<https://developer.android.com/studio/run/managing-avds#create-avd>

- Full Jetpack Compose **course**
<https://developer.android.com/courses/jetpack-compose/course>
- **View Models** to separate state and business logic from the UI
<https://developer.android.com/codelabs/basic-android-kotlin-compose-viewmodel-and-state>
- **Dependency injection** for flexible and modular code
<https://developer.android.com/training/dependency-injection>
- **Material Design 3**
<https://developer.android.com/jetpack/compose/designsystems/material3>
- **Navigation** between screens
<https://developer.android.com/jetpack/compose/navigation>
- Compose **multiplatform**
<https://www.jetbrains.com/lp/compose-multiplatform/>



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