

# Modern development with Jetpack Compose



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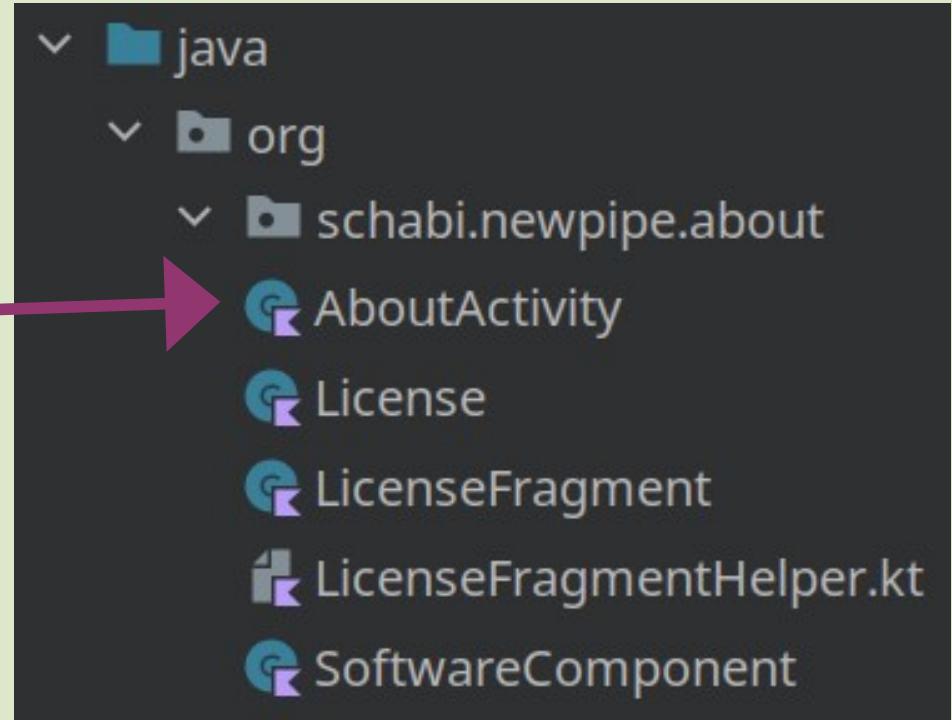
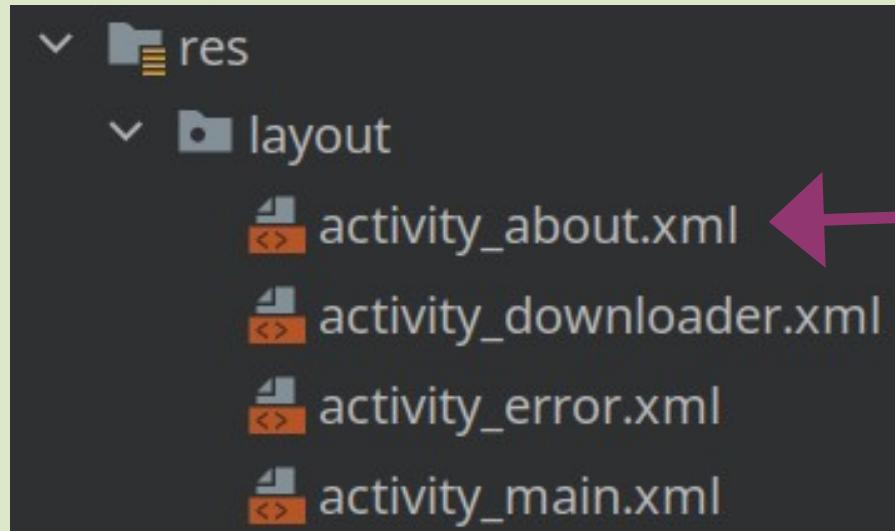
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# Traditional Android development



```
<?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**

UI =

(2) Keep tree in  
**sync** with state

f(state)

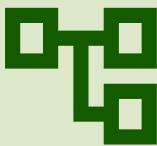
# State



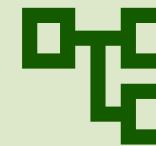
**single source of truth**



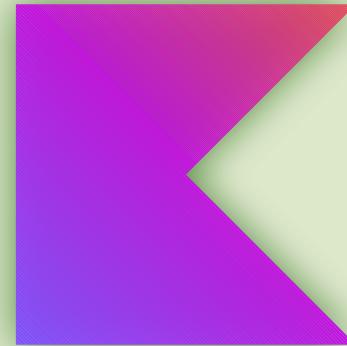
UI is **redrawn/recomposed** when  
it changes\*



\*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!

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}
```

```
@Composable
fun ChatMessage(data: MessageData) {
    Column(modifier = ...) {
        Text(
            data.messageAuthor,
            style = ...
        )
        Spacer(modifier = Modifier.height(16.dp))
        Text(data.messageText)
    }
}
```

- ! 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](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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