

Kotlin Multiplatform Conversions at Android Jetpack Scale



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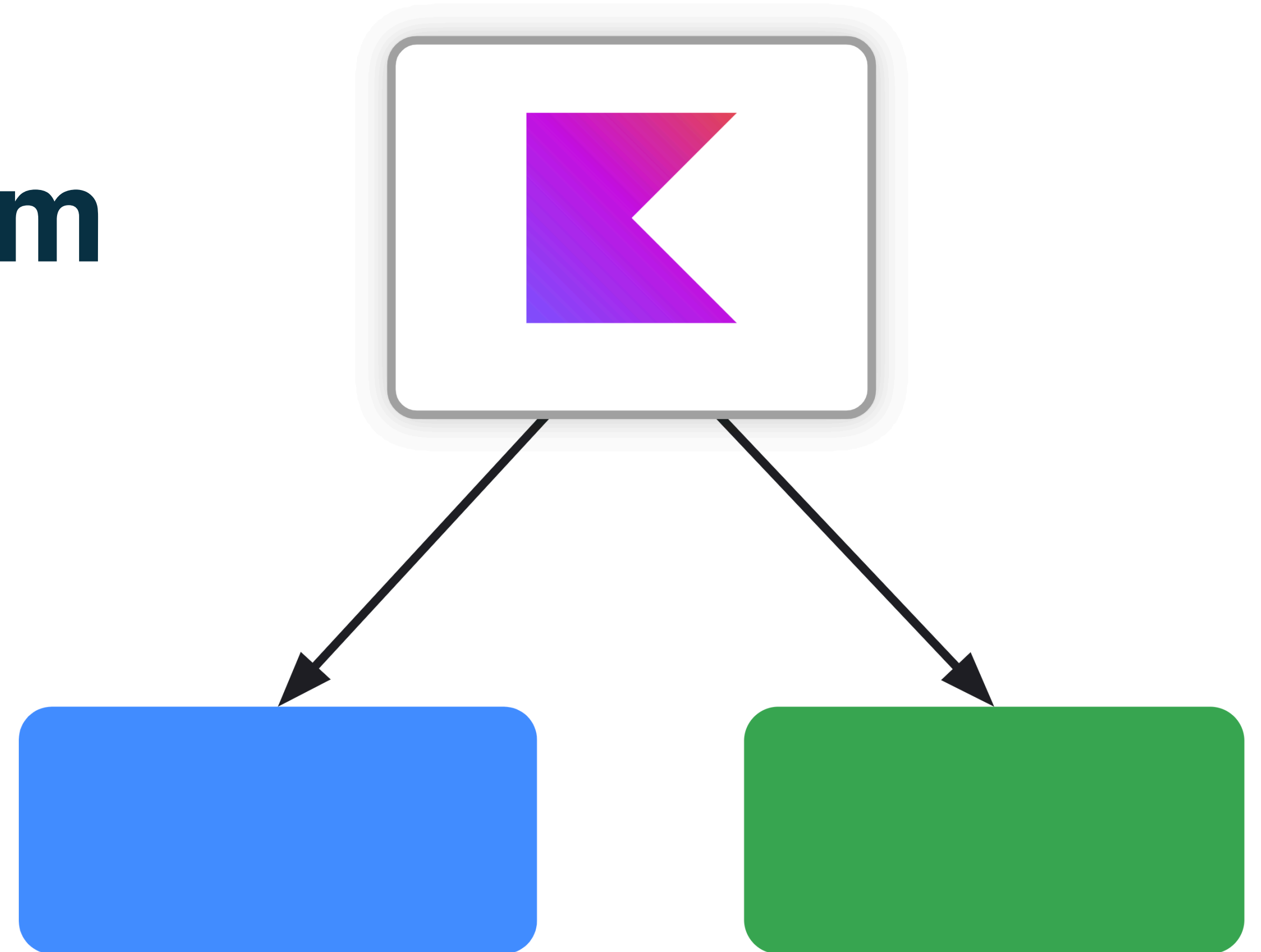
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Kotlin Multiplatform

Share business logic written in Kotlin
between platforms



Google's Contributions to Kotlin Multiplatform



Jetpack



Gradle

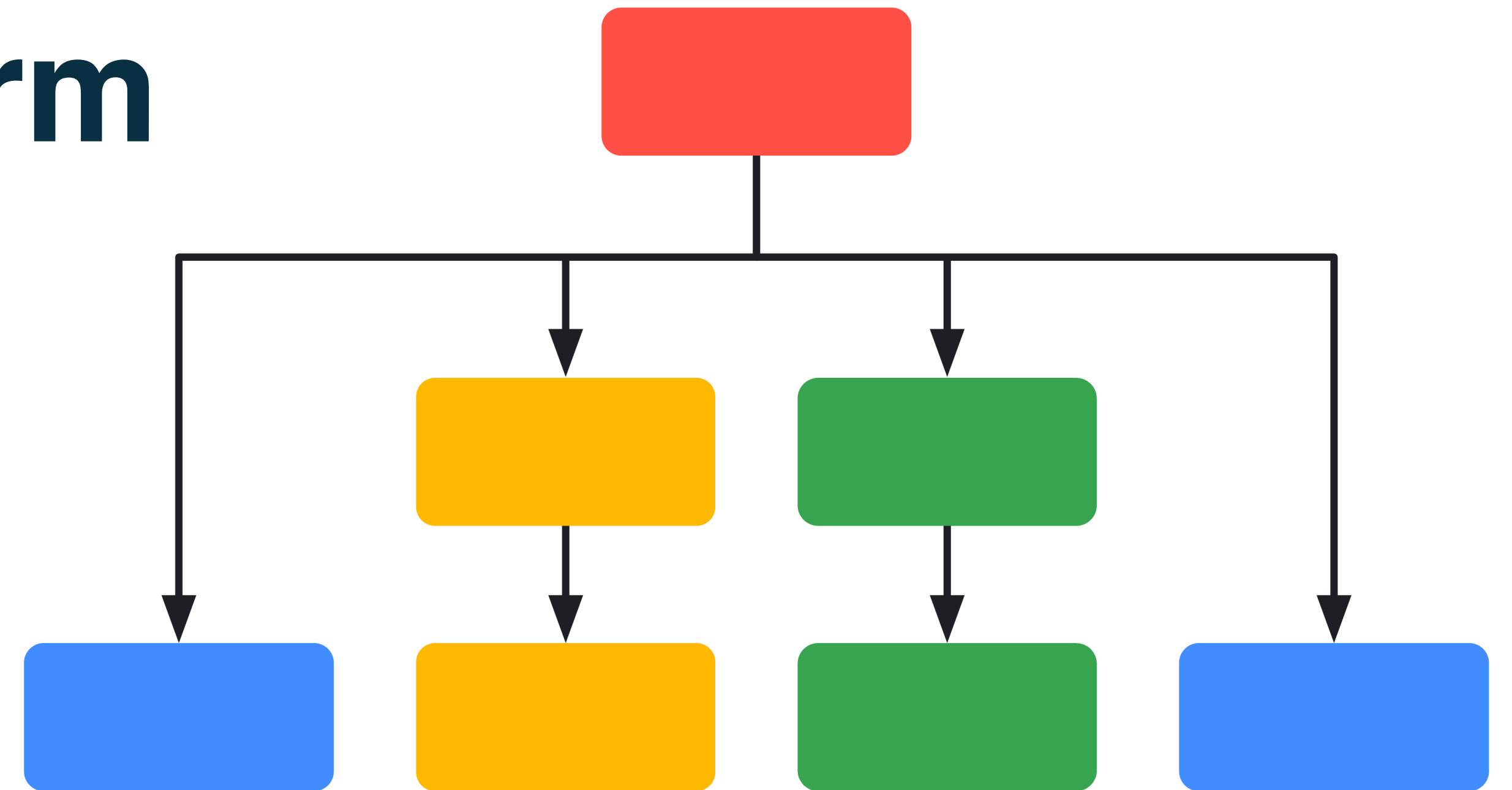


Compiler

Kotlin Multiplatform

in Google Workspace

Experiments in code sharing with Kotlin across Android, iOS, and web



Jetpack Alphas

goo.gle/kotlin-multiplatform

Annotations

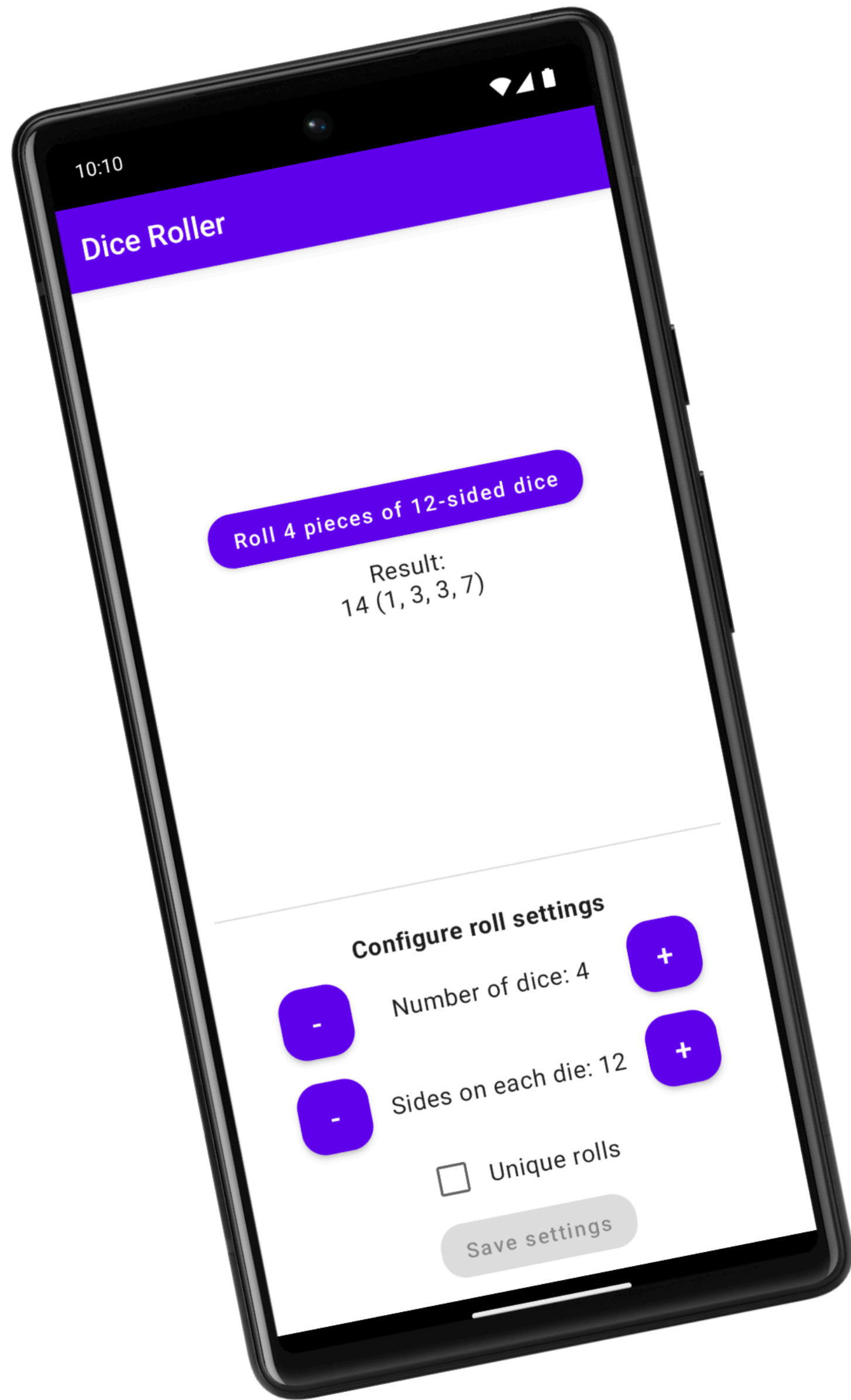
Common utilities for richer APIs

Collections

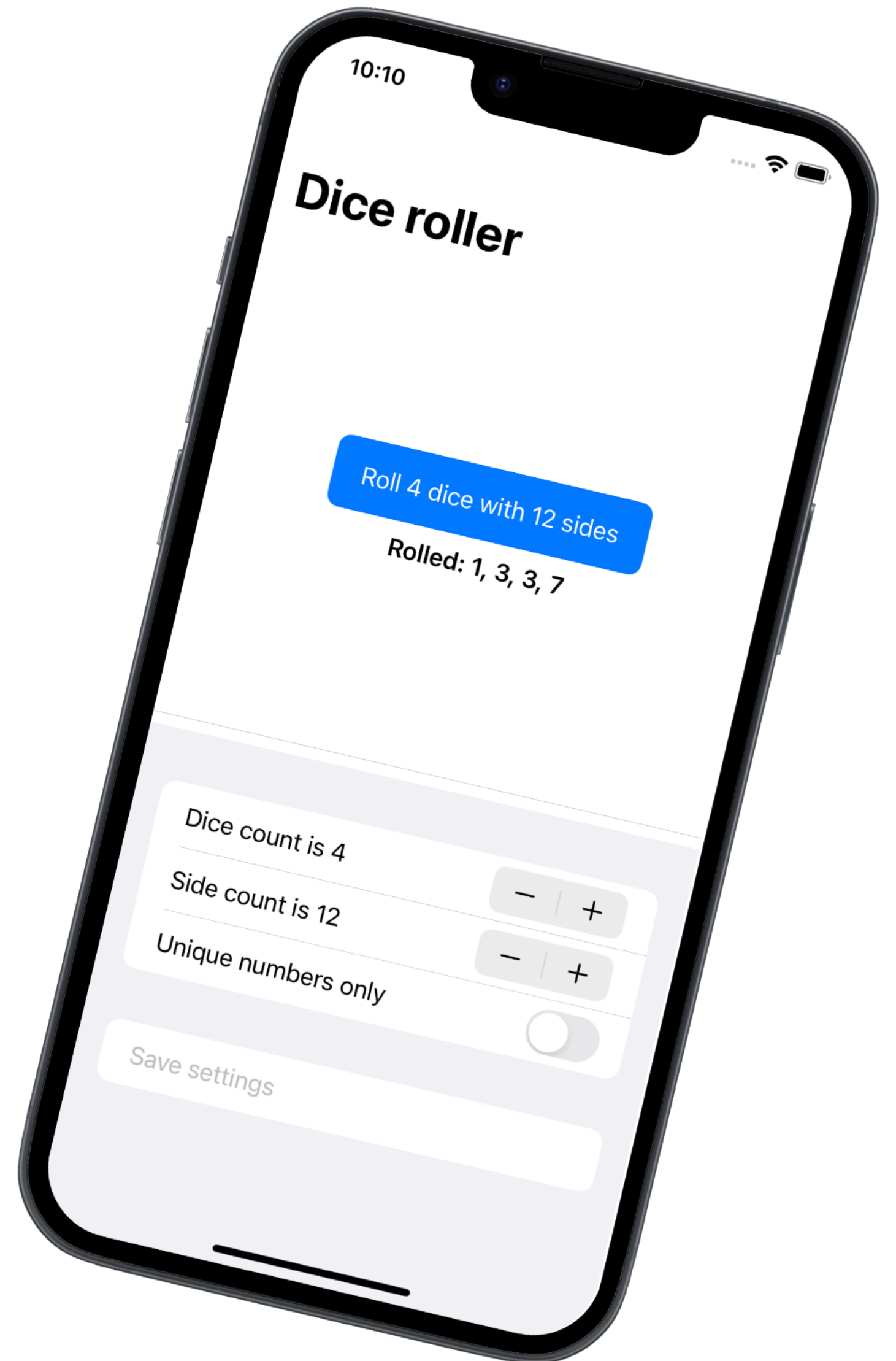
Mobile-optimized Collections

DataStore

Stream API for persistent data storage (K/V or Proto)



goo.gle/kmm-samples





Supporting our existing users

Compatibility in Android

- Compatibility is an important consideration for Android
- The ability to deploy an Android app on almost any device takes a lot of work!
- Android Support Libraries were born as a part of this effort

Compatibility in Jetpack

- Jetpack was founded on top of Android Support Libraries
- New APIs require four release stages before becoming stable
- Strict semantic versioning, with major versions often lasting years

Challenges with compatibility

- Android's stance on "Kotlin first" does not mean Kotlin only
- We care about binary + source compatibility from both Kotlin and Java
- Kotlin's Java interop story poses some very interesting problems

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How does any of this even work ???

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```

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    public androidx.collection.ArraySet();  
    public int getSize();
```

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    public final int size();
```

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    public int size(); // Non-final, which is binary incompatible!  
}
```

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```

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```
// commonMain
expect abstract class ArraySet<E>() : MutableSet<E> {
    override val size: Int
}
```

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    public int size() { ... }
}

// commonMain
expect abstract class ArraySet<E>() : MutableSet<E> {
    override val size: Int
}

// nonJvmMain
actual abstract class ArraySet<E> : MutableSet<E> {
    actual override val size: Int
    get() = ...
}
```


kotlin/libraries/stdlib/jvm/src/kotlin/collections/TypeAliases.kt

```
@SinceKotlin("1.1") public actual typealias ArrayList<E> = java.util.ArrayList<E>
@SinceKotlin("1.1") public actual typealias LinkedHashMap<K, V> = java.util.LinkedHashMap<K, V>
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@SinceKotlin("1.1") public actual typealias LinkedHashSet<E> = java.util.LinkedHashSet<E>
@SinceKotlin("1.1") public actual typealias HashSet<E> = java.util.HashSet<E>
```

What about @JvmName?

- Renames the function itself, not the generated bridges
- Not fully implemented and throws `INAPPLICABLE_JVM_NAME`
- Some hope in `@BinarySignatureName` (KEEP-302)



Validating compatibility

Existing tools

- japicmp
- binary-compatibility-validator
- Metalava

japicmp

github.com/siom79/japicmp

- Compares .class files in jar archives to determine public API changes
- Built for Java, not Kotlin
- Doesn't account for Kotlin-specific constructs

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    public static final int getProperty();  
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fun jvmApi(argument: Int) {}
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    public static final int getProperty();  
    public static final void jvmApi(int);  
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binary-compatibility-validator

github.com/Kotlin/binary-compatibility-validator

- A Kotlin tool, so it should consider Kotlin constructs
- Supports multiple JVM targets
- No support for source compatibility

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```
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```

```
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Metalava

android.googlesource.com/platform/tools/metalava

- Android's current solution for binary + source compatibility
- Parses UAST, so it technically has more information to work with
- Ongoing work for full support, but Kotlin Multiplatform is very new

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Tracking source compatibility

- No perfect solution currently exists
- Jetpack solved this manually using integration tests
- We believe this is automatable with a focused tool, but it doesn't exist yet

```
fun arraySetSourceCompatibility(): Boolean {  
    var arraySet: ArraySet<Int> = ArraySet()  
    arraySet = ArraySet<Int>(5)  
    arraySet = ArraySet(arraySet)  
    arraySet = ArraySet(setOf())  
    arraySet = ArraySet(arrayOf())  
    ...  
}
```



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    ...  
}
```

```
public static boolean arraySetSourceCompatibility() {  
    ArraySet<Integer> arraySet = new ArraySet<>();  
    arraySet = new ArraySet<>(5);  
    arraySet = new ArraySet<>(arraySet);  
    arraySet = new ArraySet<>(new HashSet<>());  
    arraySet = new ArraySet<>(new Integer[5]);  
    ...  
}
```

JVM Dependencies

DataStore

- Storage solution for key-value pairs and protobufs
- Leaf library lowers the overall risk of experimentation
- Offers a file storage API which means a dependency on `java.io`

Package kotlin.io

IO API for working with files and streams.

Types

FileTreeWalk

This class is intended to implement different file traversal methods. It allows to iterate through all files inside a given directory.

```
class FileTreeWalk : Sequence<File>
```

FileWalkDirection

An enumeration to describe possible walk directions. There are two of them: beginning from parents, ending with children, and beginning from children.

Reads a line of input from the standard input stream and returns it, or return `null` if EOF has already been reached when [readLineOrNull](#) is called.

```
fun readLineOrNull(): String?
```

use

Executes the given [block](#) function on this resource and then closes it down correctly whether an exception is thrown or not.

```
fun <T : Closeable?, R> T.use(block: (T) -> R): R
```


Okio

square.github.io/okio

- Popular I/O library on top of java.io by Block
- Supports for Kotlin Multiplatform
- Cannot force the dependency on all of our users

Google's Maven Repository

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Solution

- Abstraction allowing a pluggable implementation
- Optional artifact providing Okio
- Kickstart kotlinx.io for the long term

```
interface ReadScope<T> : Closeable {  
    suspend fun readData(): T  
}
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```

```
interface WriteScope<T> : ReadScope<T> {  
    suspend fun writeData(value: T)  
}
```



```
internal open class OkioReadScope<T>(…) : ReadScope<T> {  
    override suspend fun readData(): T { … }  
  
    override fun close() { … }  
}
```

```
internal open class OkioReadScope<T>(…) : ReadScope<T> {  
    override suspend fun readData(): T { … }  
  
    override fun close() { … }  
}
```

```
internal class OkioWriteScope<T>(…) : OkioReadScope<T>(…), WriteScope<T> {  
    override suspend fun writeData(value: T) { … }  
}
```

Testing

JVM test conversions

- Two main parts to consider:
- Test framework - configuration of test execution
- Assertion library - API for writing tests

Requirements for conversions

- Achievable, practical amount of work
- Independently verifiable
- Solution must also be suitable for non-Kotlin Multiplatform projects

State of testing in Jetpack

- 200+ libraries
- 45,000+ tests
- 50,000+ usages of Google Truth

```
@Test
fun sampleTest() {
    assertThat(value).isEqualTo(expectedValue)
    assertThat(collection).containsExactly(0, 1, 2)
    assertThat(flag).isTrue()
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Kotlin Multiplatform "Kruth"

- Internal conversion of Google Truth
- Fully behaviorally compatible
- Collaborating with Truth on a longer term solution

M room/room-common/build.gradle

```
25 25 dependencies {
26 26     api("androidx.annotation:annotation:1.3.0")
27 27     api(libs.kotlinStdlibJdk8)
28 28     testImplementation(libs.junit)
29 29     testImplementation(libs.mockitoCore4)
30 30     testImplementation(libs.guava)
31 31     testImplementation(libs.truth)
32 31     testImplementation(project(":internal-testutils-kmp"))
32 32 }
```

M room/room-common/src/test/java/androidx/room/AmbiguousColumnResolverTest.kt

File	File
17	17 package androidx.room
18	18
19	19 import com.google.common.truth.Truth.assertThat
	19 import androidx.ktruth.assertThat
20	20 import java.util.Locale
21	21 import org.junit.Test
22	22 import org.junit.Ignore

"Kruth"

- Clearly definable amount of work
- Allows independent test conversions
- No difference to non-multiplatform consumers

M room/room-common/build.gradle

```
25      25  dependencies {
26      26      api("androidx.annotation:annotation:1.1.0")
27      27      api(libs.kotlinStdlibJvm)
28      28      testImplementation(libs.junit)
29      29      testImplementation(libs.junit.rules)
30      30      testImplementation(libs.junit.runner)
31      31      testImplementation(libs.mockito)
31      31      testImplementation(project(":room-common"))
32      32  }
```

M room/room-common/src/test/java/androidx/room

```
File   File
17     17  package androidx.room
18     18
19     19  import com.google.common.truth.Truth
19     19  import androidx.kruth.assertions.Assertions
20     20  import java.util.Locale
21     21  import org.junit.Test
22     22  import org.junit.Ignore
```

Idiomatic Kotlin in "Kruth"

- Visibility through actual value for Kotlin extensions
- Generic types propagated correctly to public API where possible
- Contracts for null-marked types that used to compile, but immediately throw



Performance

Performance is important

- Jetpack's offerings are widely used in Android's ecosystem
- Kotlin Multiplatform is awesome, but first priority are our existing users
- Critical for Jetpack to have performance testing in CI

Benchmarking in Jetpack

androidx-perf.skia.org

- Measuring performance using Jetpack Benchmark
- Run on real devices with automatic alerts + manual triage
- Large number of internal clients that we can leverage to vet our work

Jetpack Benchmark

- Built for Android with platform integrations
- Internal extensions to support iOS
- Check out Rahul's talk in Berlage Zaal @4:15pm

What about `kotlinx.benchmark`?

github.com/Kotlin/kotlinx-benchmark

- Multiplatform API that delegates to well established frameworks
- Delegates to JMH for JVM
- Doesn't support Jetpack Benchmark, but it could...

A final word

Smoothing Future Evolutions

- Intent on doing this in a way that is faithful to our existing clients
- Building for the long-term; this isn't about just making it work
- Not just about us - working with JetBrains to make the technology better

We could use your help!

- Needs: Metalava Kotlin Support, Source Compat Tooling, etc
- github.com/androidx/androidx
- Questions?

Thanks, and don't forget to vote

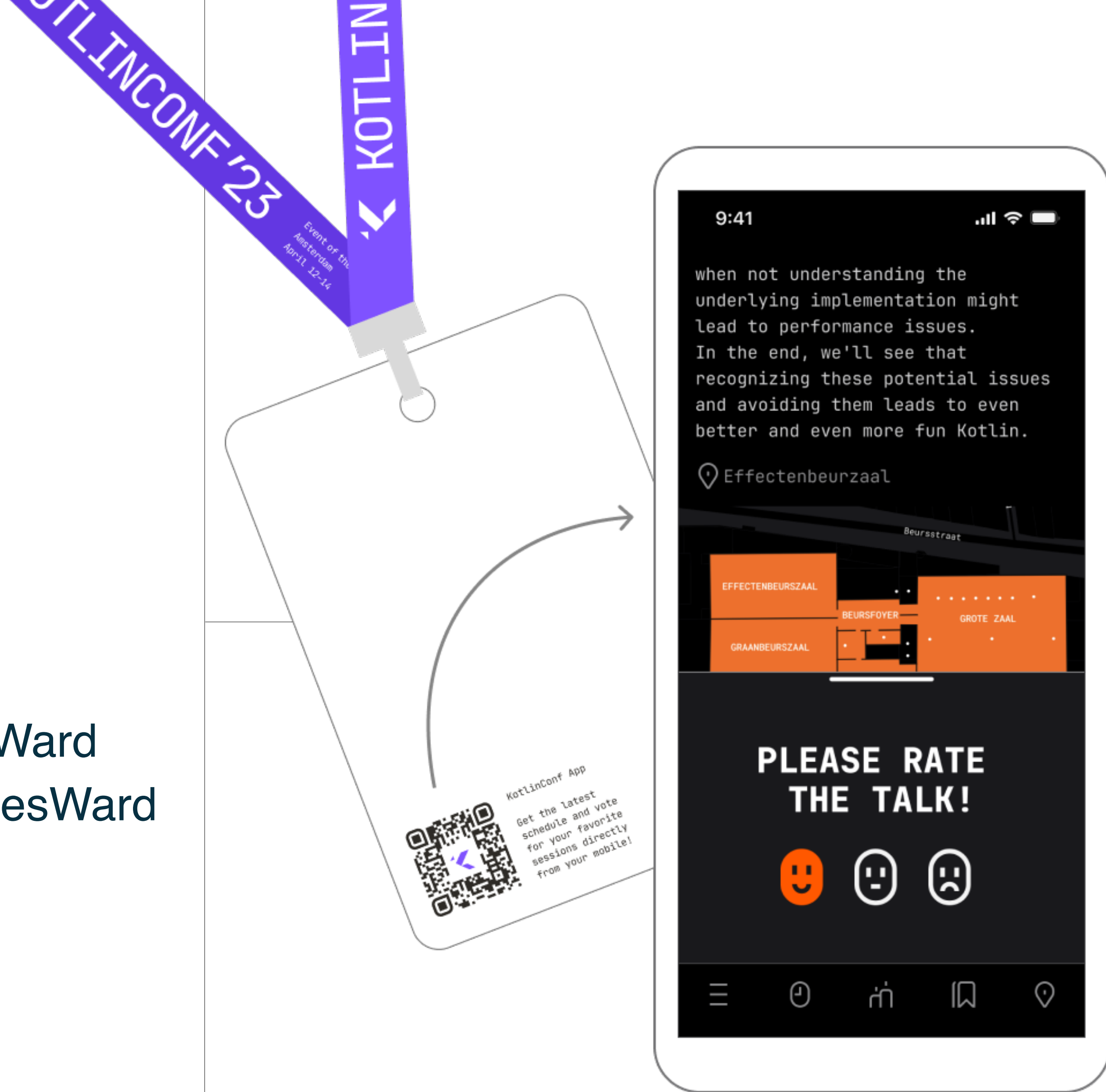


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