

Automating UI Infrastructure in Jetpack Compose

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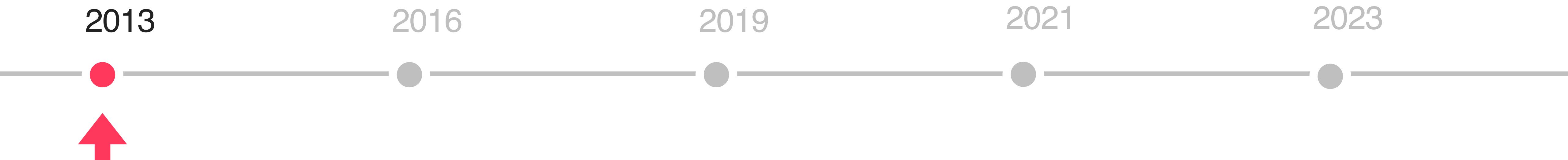
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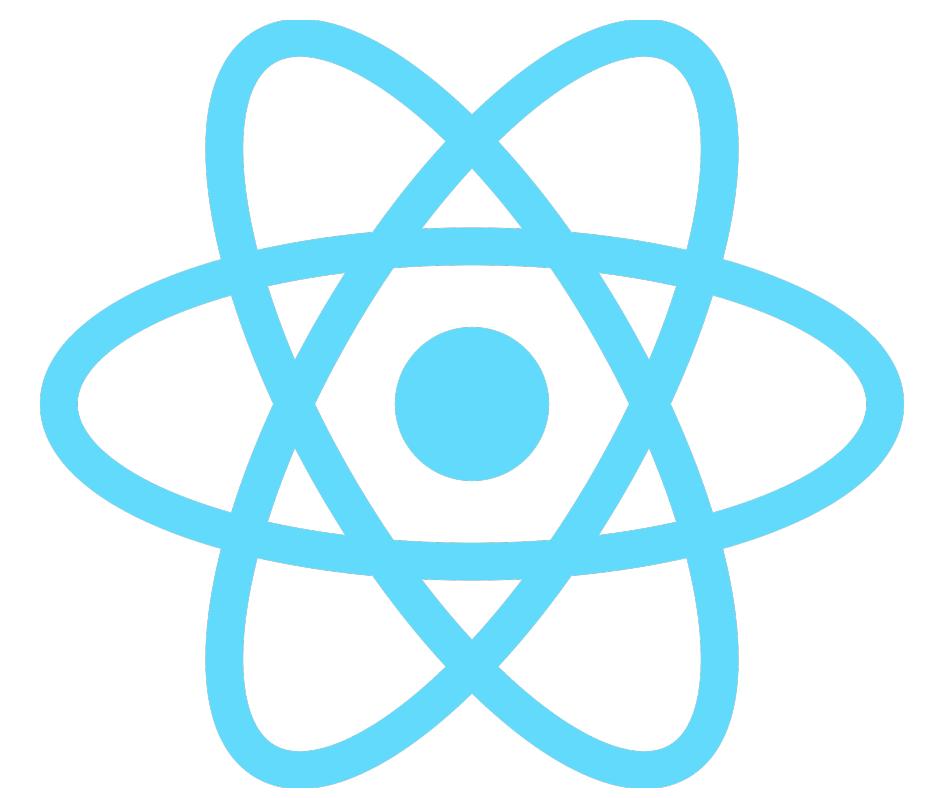
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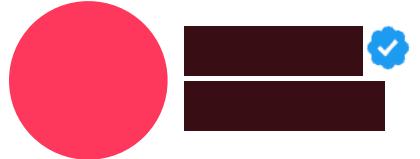
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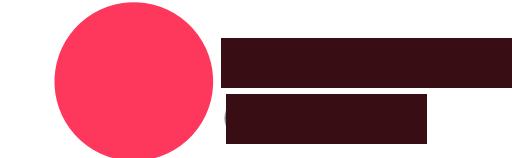






I don't know how to react to this [#jsconf](#)

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@facebook is announcing a new UI library called React at [#jsconf](#). Some strange mix of XHTML and JS. Trying to wrap my head around it...

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...



...

Facebook React is not getting much love at [#jsconf](#). Mixing HTML in JS seems like a bad idea

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Separation of concerns is a pretty core tenant of CS. React just seems wrongy wrong wrong wrong. [#jsconf](#)

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Wow, not good initial reactions to React.js from Facebook.... [#jsconf](#)

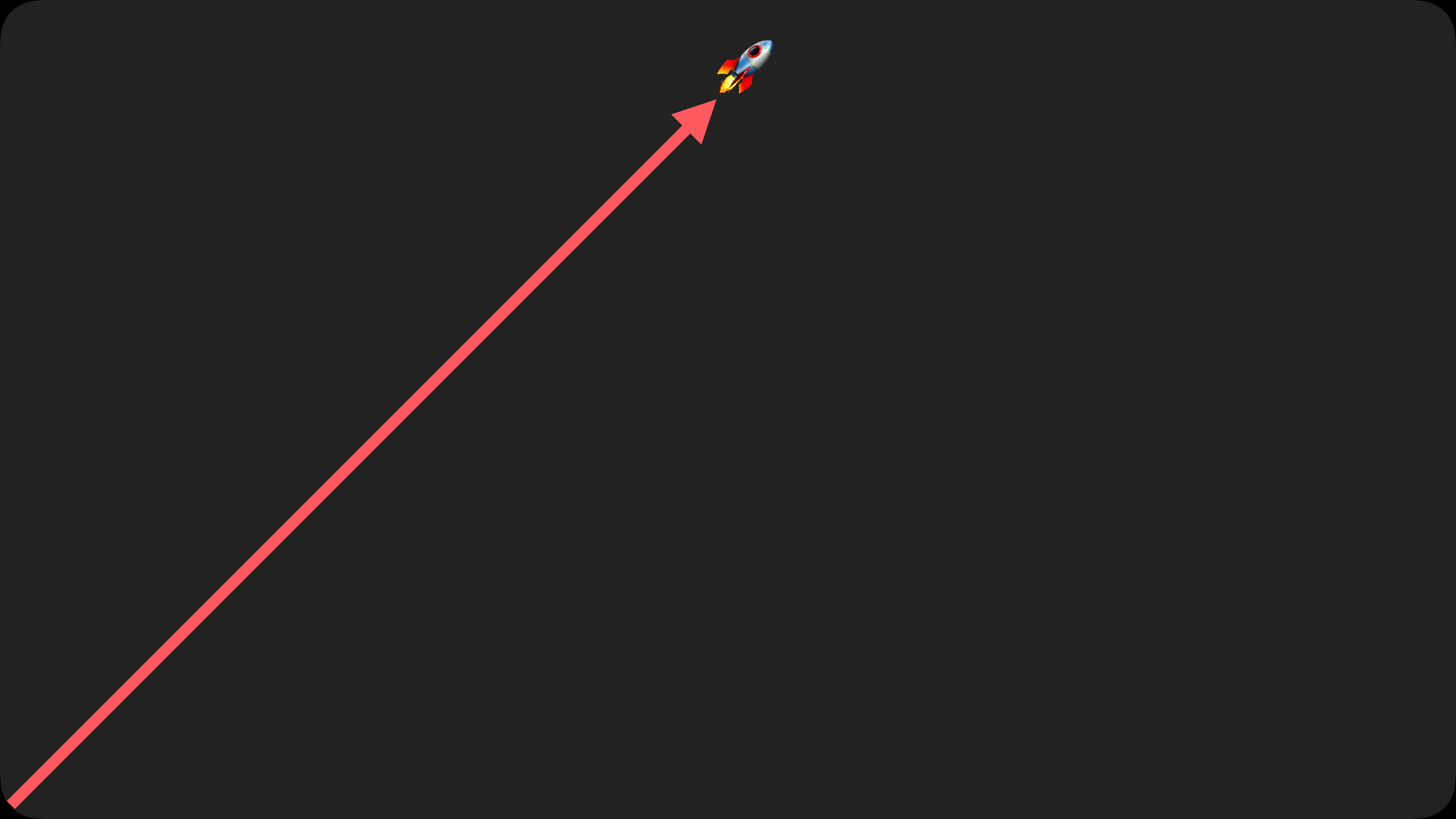
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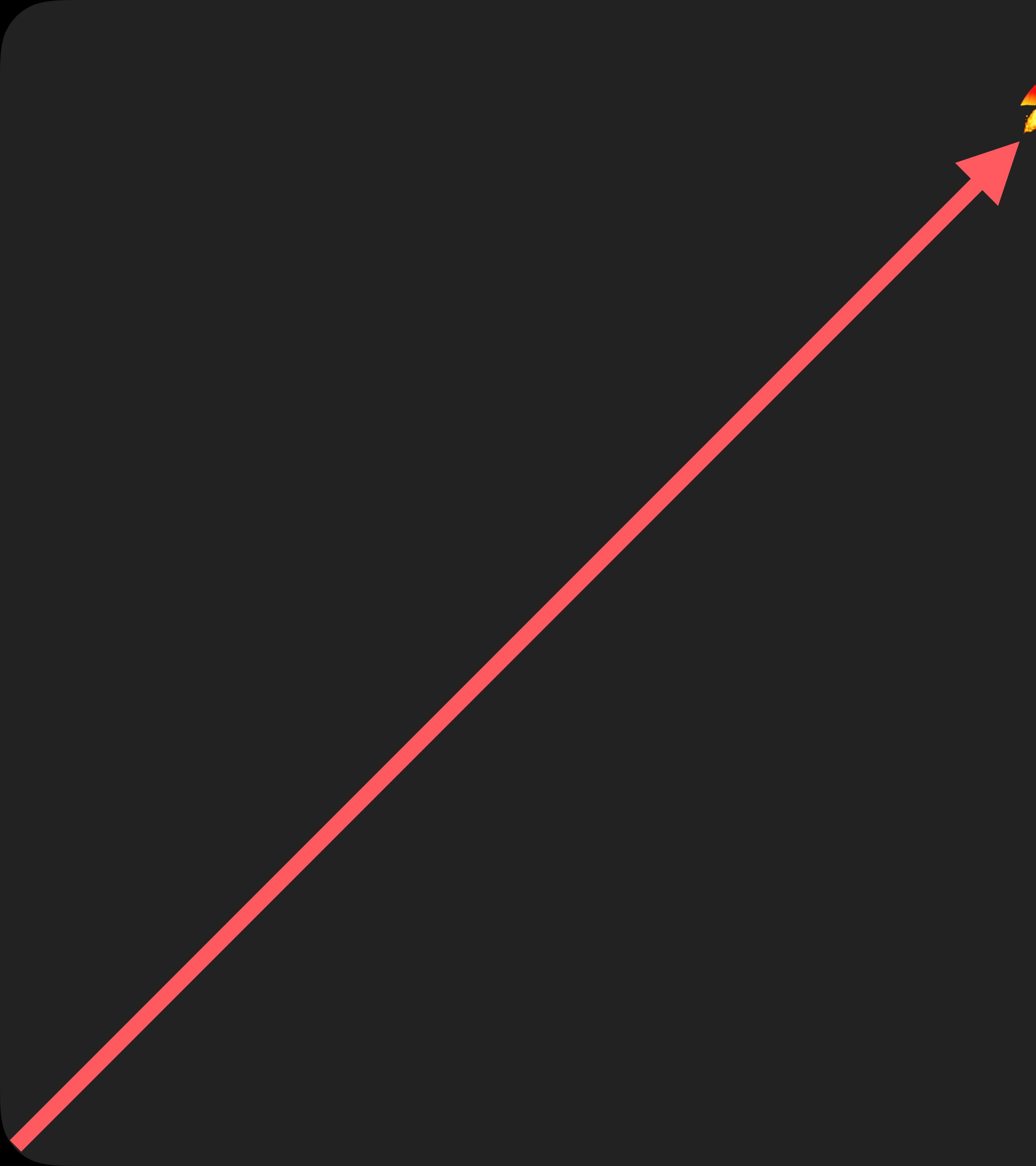


What!? [#react](#)!? XML markup in JS. Unsanity! It's *soo* new and innovative it's definitely wrong and bad! Very bad! lol@[#jsconf](#).

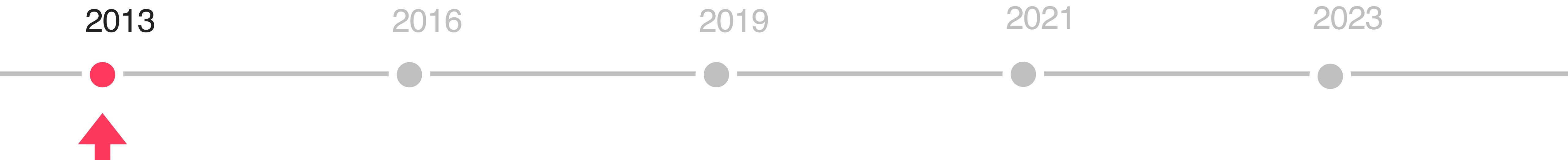
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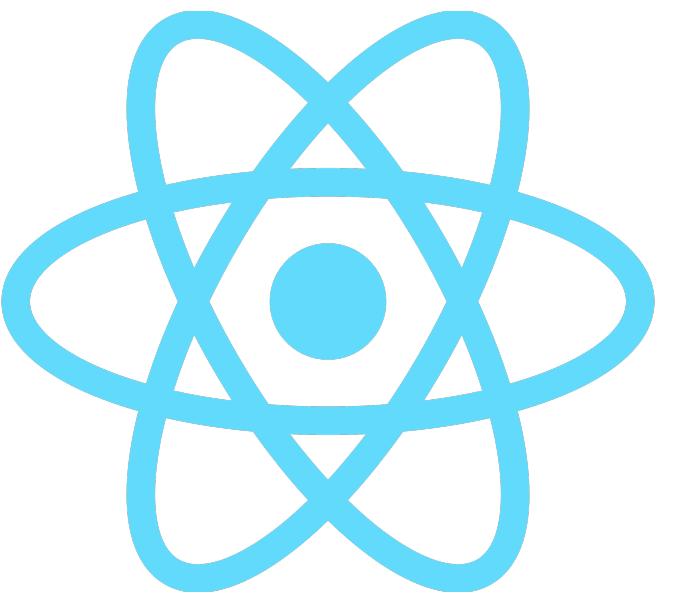
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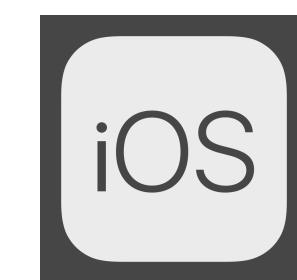
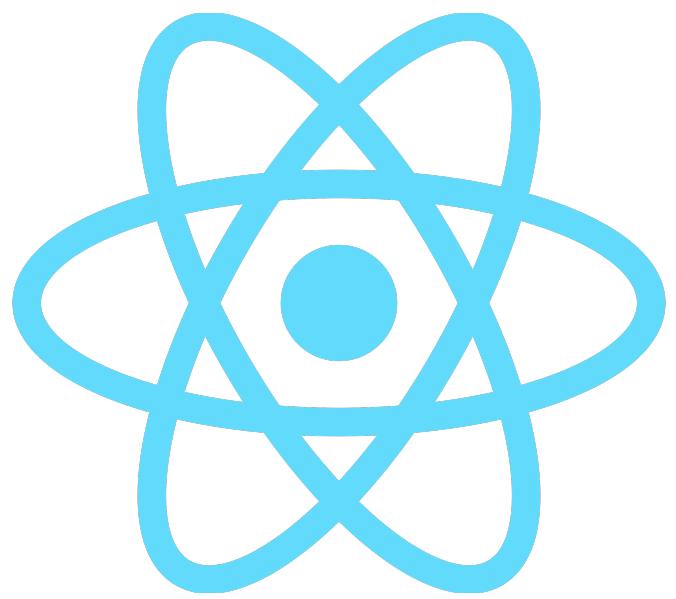
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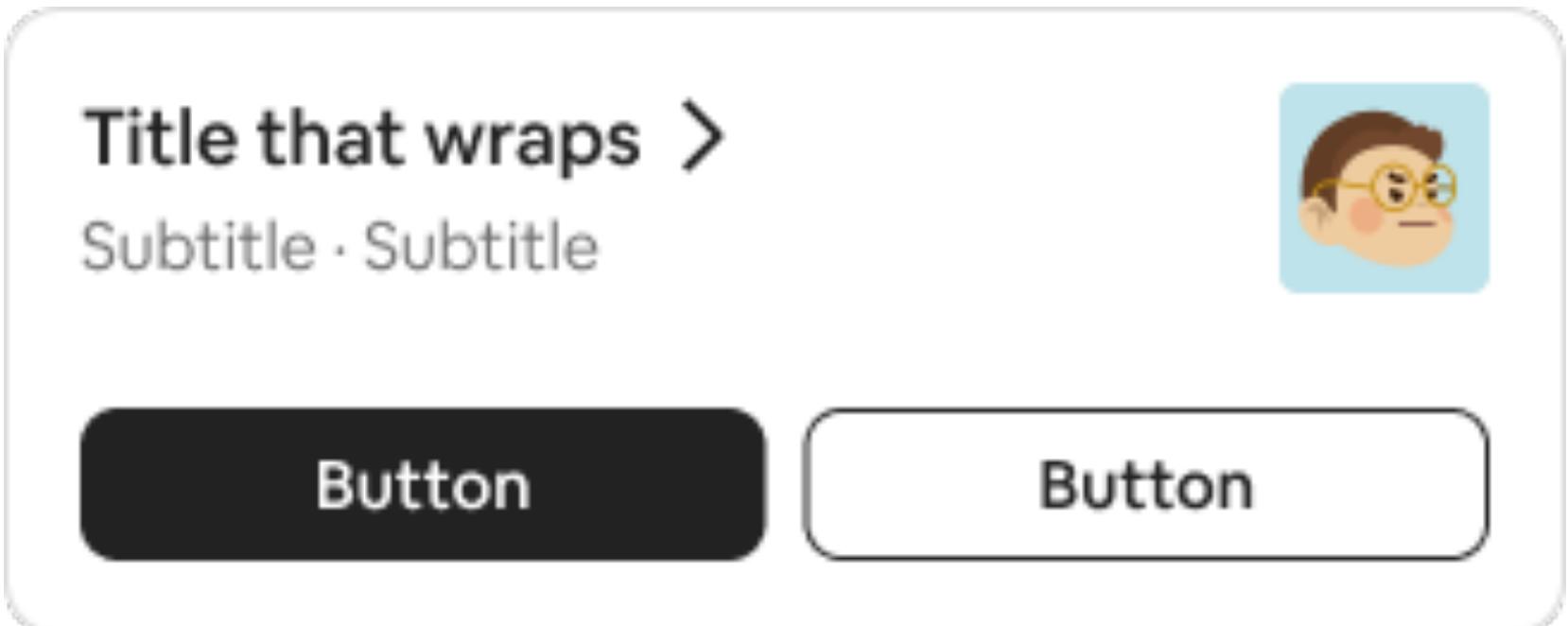
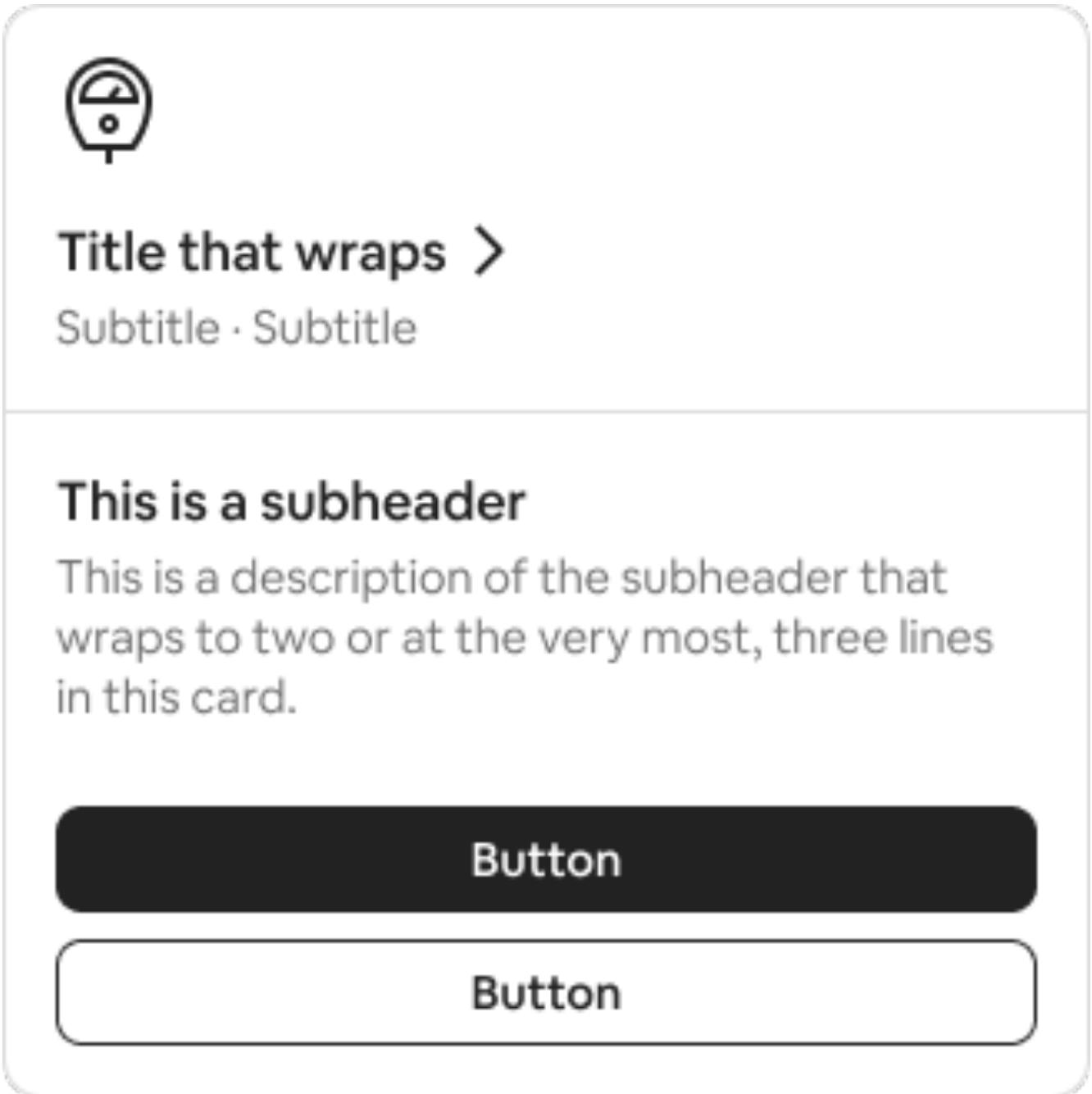
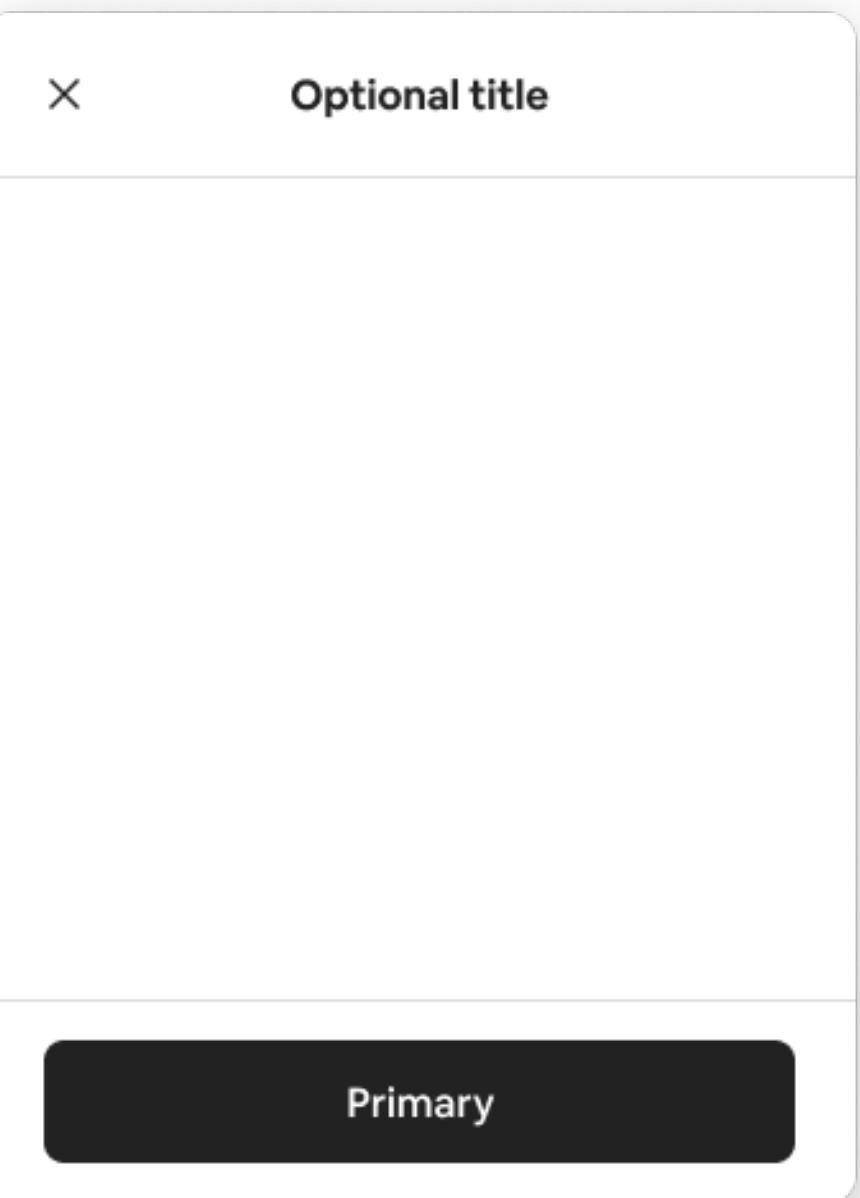
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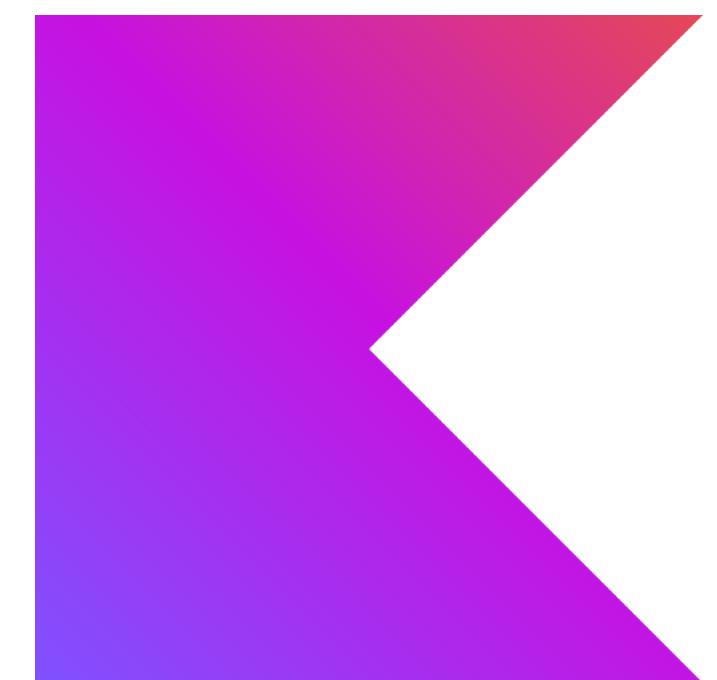


Button >



Long Tertiary action







```
fun MyCustomTextComponent(displayString: String) {  
}
```

```
fun MyCustomTextComponent(displayString: String) {  
    Text(  
        text = displayString,  
        style = TextStyle(  
            fontWeight = FontWeight.W900,  
            fontFamily = FontFamily.Monospace,  
            fontSize = 32.sp,  
            fontStyle = FontStyle.Italic,  
            color = Color.Magenta,  
            background = Color.Black  
        )  
    )  
}
```

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    )  
}  
}
```





Primary wrapping text
Secondary wrapping text
! Error text

< Tertiary

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Primary >

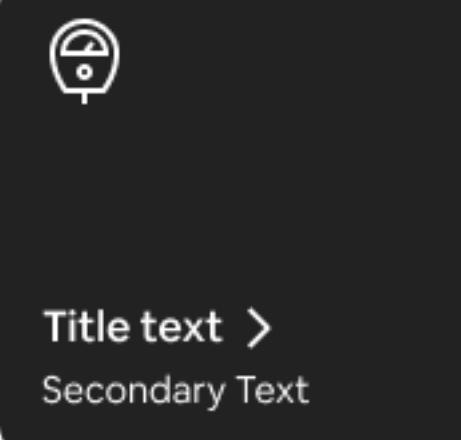
Primary wrapping text
Secondary wrapping text



Wrapping Label Value

—○—

Button >



Title text >
Secondary Text

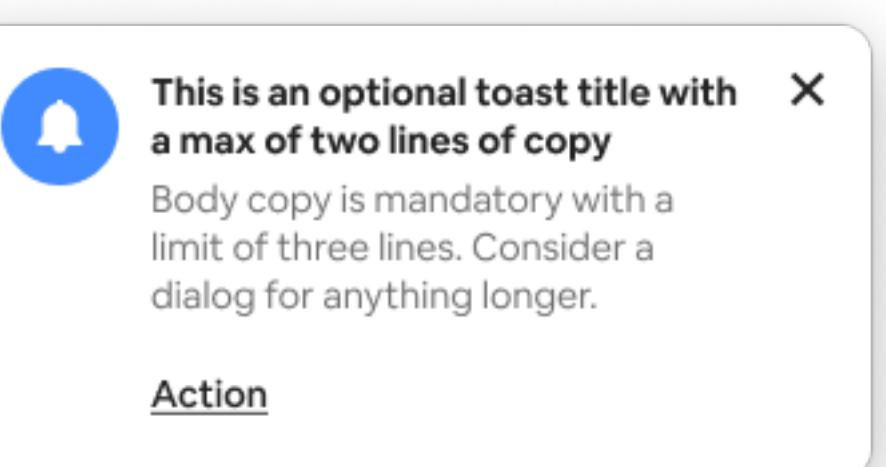
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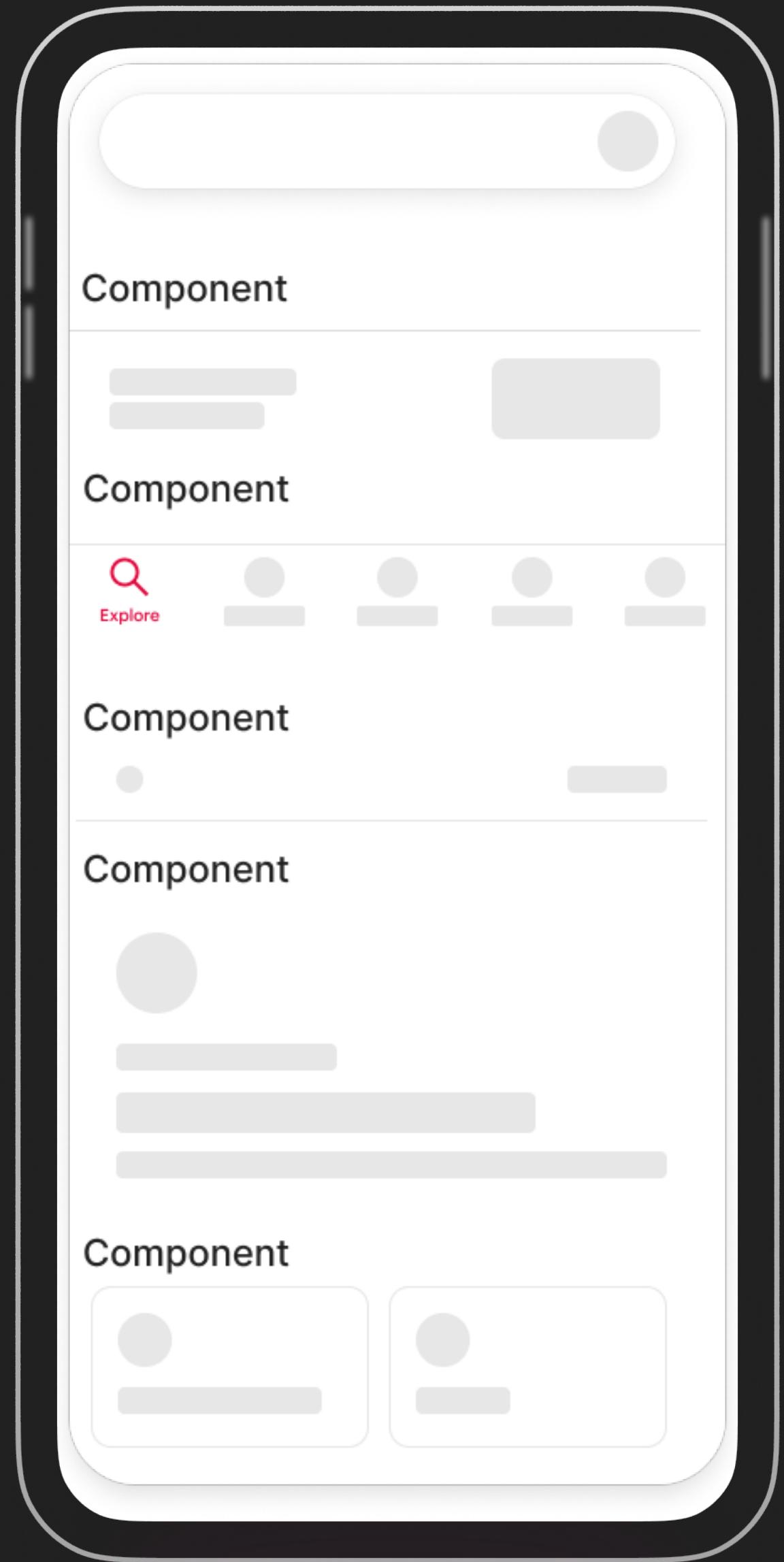
Optional Helper Text

Label
Input

! Error text



Discoverability



Project Codename: Showkase

Requirements

- 🌐 All components from the codebase
- 📦 Components are neatly organized
- 🚫 No manual work

```
@Composable  
fun MyCustomTextComponent(displayString: String) {  
    ...  
}
```

```
@Composable  
fun MyCustomTextComponent(displayString: String) {  
    ...  
}
```

```
@Preview(name = "MyCustomTextComponent", group = "SectionHeader")  
@Composable  
fun MyCustomTextComponentPreview() {  
    MyCustomTextComponent("KotlinConf 2023")  
}
```

The screenshot shows the Android Studio interface with the following details:

- Project Bar:** Shows the file `MyCustomTextComponent.kt` is open.
- Code Editor:** Displays the following code in `MyCustomTextComponent.kt`:

```
11 import androidx.compose.ui.Alignment
12 import androidx.compose.ui.Modifier
13 import androidx.compose.ui.graphics.Color
14 import androidx.compose.ui.text.TextStyle
15 import androidx.compose.ui.text.font.FontFamily
16 import androidx.compose.ui.text.font.FontStyle
17 import androidx.compose.ui.text.font.FontWeight
18 import androidx.compose.ui.tooling.preview.Preview
19 import androidx.compose.ui.unit.dp
20 import androidx.compose.ui.unit.sp
21
22 @Preview
23 @Composable
24 fun MyCustomTextComponentPreview() {
25     MyCustomTextComponent(displayString: "KotlinConf 2023")
26 }
27
28 @Composable
29 fun MyCustomTextComponent(displayString: String) { ... }
```
- Preview Window:** Titled `MyCustomTextComponentPreview`, it displays the text `KotlinConf 2023` in a black box.
- Status Bar:** Shows "Up-to-date" with a green checkmark.
- Sidemenu:** Includes sections for Project, Commit, Pull Requests, Resource Manager, Structure, Bookmarks, and Build Variants.

Revised Problem Statement:

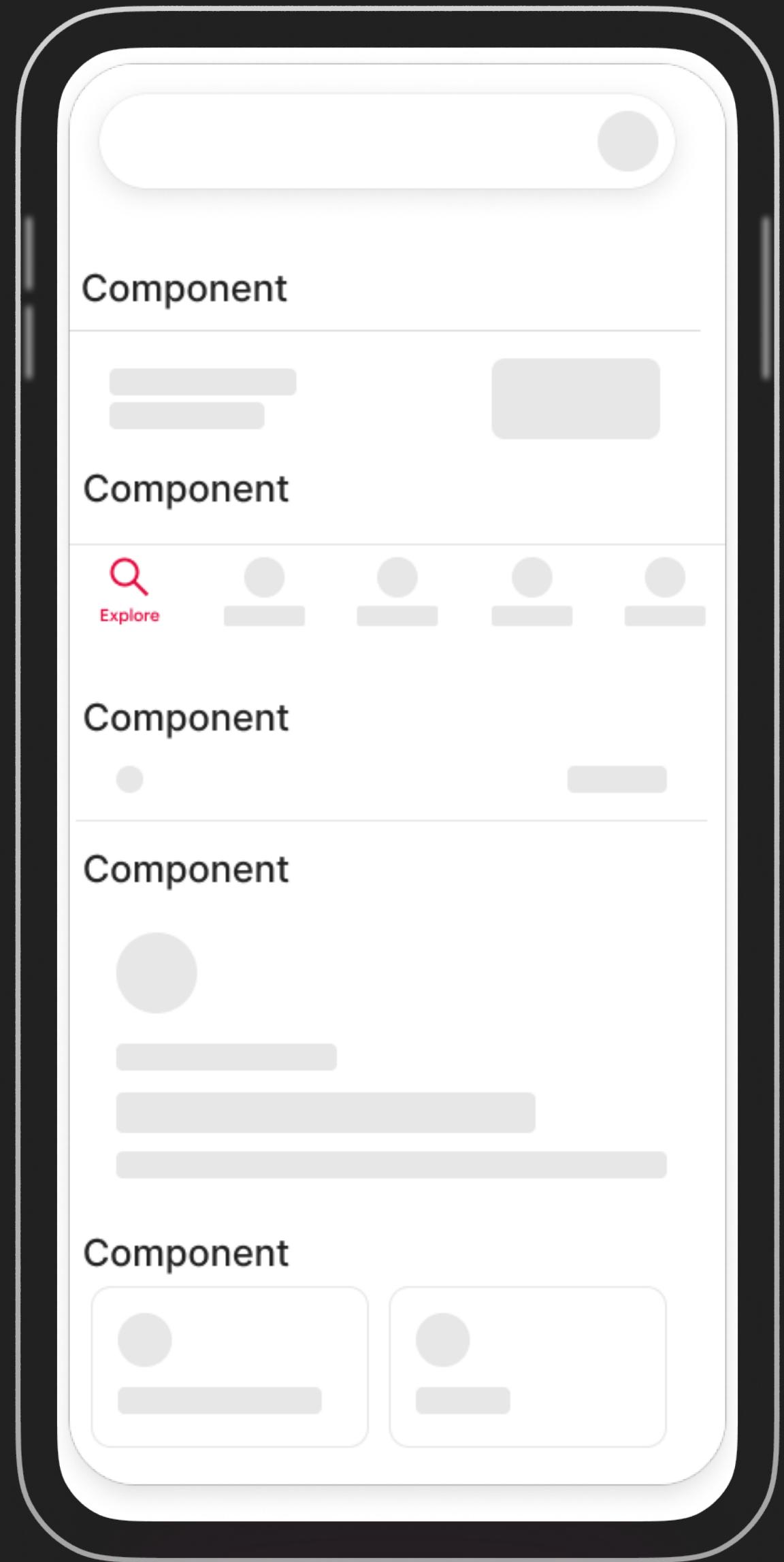
Collect all functions annotated with `@Preview`
and show them in a component browser

Kotlin Symbol Processing (KSP)

<https://kotlinlang.org/docs/ksp-overview.html>

KSFile

```
packageName: KSName
fileName: String
annotations: List<KSAnnotation> (File annotations)
declarations: List<KSDeclaration>
    KSClassDeclaration // class, interface, object
        simpleName: KSName
        qualifiedName: KSName
        containingFile: String
        typeParameters: KSTypeParameter
        parentDeclaration: KSDeclaration
        classKind: ClassKind
        primaryConstructor: KSFunctionDeclaration
        superTypes: List<KSTypeReference>
        // contains inner classes, member functions, properties, etc.
        declarations: List<KSDeclaration>
    KSFunctionDeclaration // top level function
        simpleName: KSName
        qualifiedName: KSName
        containingFile: String
        typeParameters: KSTypeParameter
        parentDeclaration: KSDeclaration
        functionKind: FunctionKind
        extensionReceiver: KSTypeReference?
        returnType: KSTypeReference
        parameters: List<KSValueParameter>
        // contains local classes, local functions, local variables, etc.
        declarations: List<KSDeclaration>
```



Component Name

Component Group

@Preview Function

```
data class ShowkaseBrowserComponent(  
    val name: String,  
    val group: String,  
    val component: @Composable () -> Unit  
)
```

```
data class ShowkaseBrowserComponent(  
    val name: String,  
    val group: String,  
    val component: @Composable () -> Unit  
)  
  
interface ShowkaseProvider {  
    fun componentList(): List<ShowkaseBrowserComponent>  
}
```

```
class GeneratedCode: ShowkaseProvider {
    override fun componentList(): List<ShowkaseBrowserComponent> {
        return listOf(
            ShowkaseBrowserComponent(...),
            ShowkaseBrowserComponent(...),
            ...
            ShowkaseBrowserComponent(...),
        )
    }
}
```

```
class GeneratedCode: ShowkaseProvider {
    override fun componentList(): List<ShowkaseBrowserComponent> {
        return listOf(
            ShowkaseBrowserComponent(...), ————— Module 1
            ShowkaseBrowserComponent(...),
            ...
            ShowkaseBrowserComponent(...),
        )
    }
}
```

```
class GeneratedCode: ShowkaseProvider {  
    override fun componentList(): List<ShowkaseBrowserComponent> {  
        return listOf(  
            ShowkaseBrowserComponent(...), ━━━━━━ Module 1  
            ShowkaseBrowserComponent(...), ━━━━━━ Module 2  
            ...  
            ShowkaseBrowserComponent(...), ━━━━━━ Module n  
        )  
    }  
}
```

Which module has all the
dependencies?

```
@Retention(AnnotationRetention.SOURCE)
@Target(AnnotationTarget.CLASS)
annotation class ShowkaseRoot
```

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```

```
// Setup needed from the user of this library
@ShowkaseRoot
class MyShowkaseRoot
```

Which module has all the dependencies?

How can the root module access previews from other modules?

module1

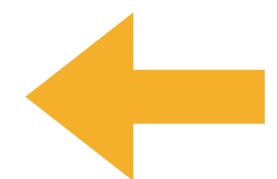
module2

module3

module4

module5

> Task :module1:kspDebugKotlin



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> Task :module2:kspDebugKotlin

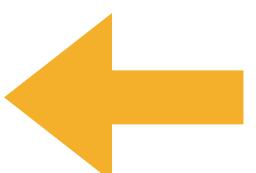
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> Task :module3:kspDebugKotlin

module1

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module2

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module3

> Task :module3:kspDebugKotlin

module4

module5



Fixed package location

com.airbnb.android.showkase

module1

module2

module3

module4

module5

Fixed package location

com.airbnb.android.showkase



Metadata of previews from module 1

Fixed package location

com.airbnb.android.showkase



Metadata of previews from module 1

Metadata of previews from module 2

Fixed package location

com.airbnb.android.showkase



Metadata of previews from module 1

Metadata of previews from module 2

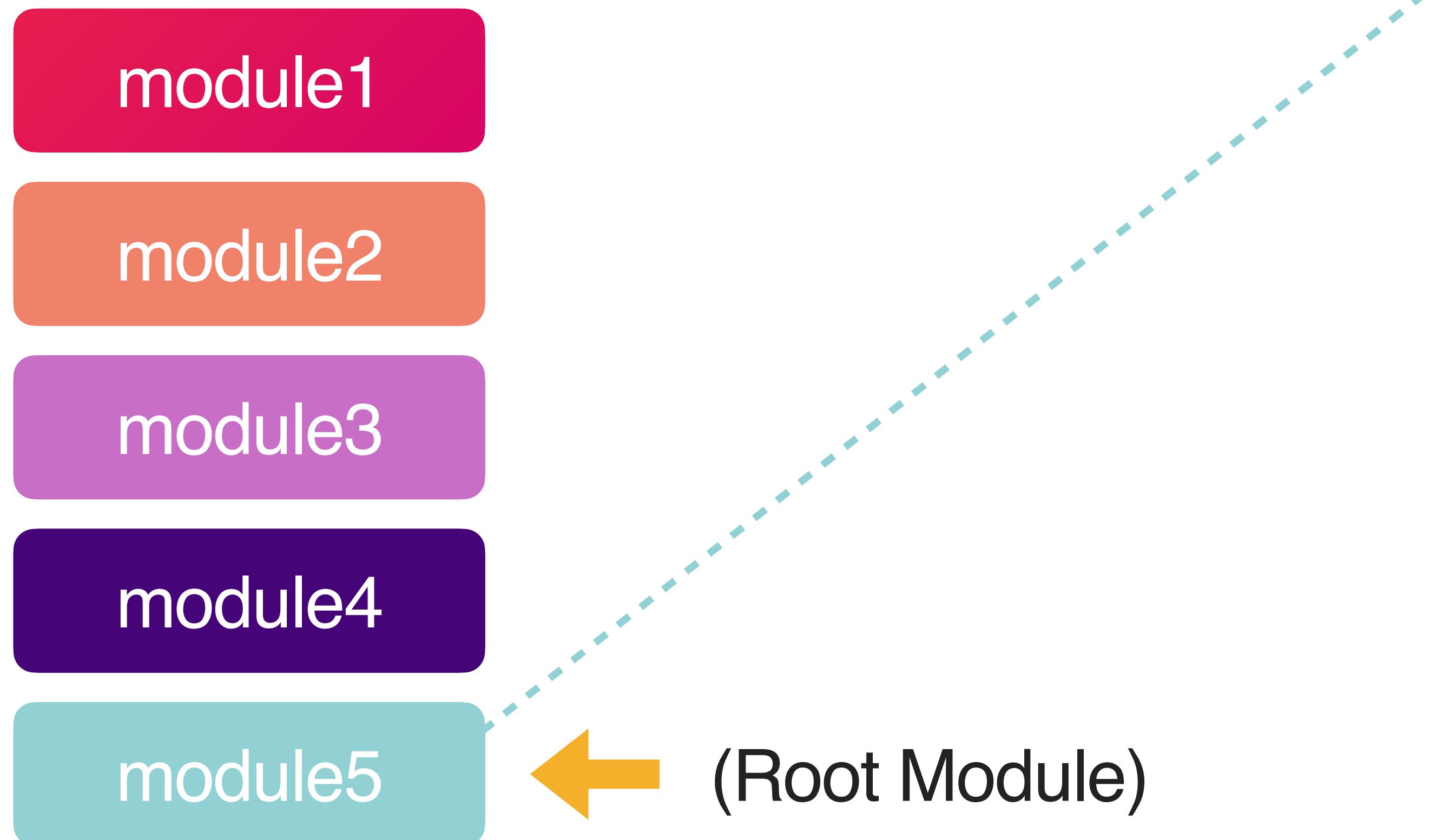
Metadata of previews from module 3



com.airbnb.android.showkase

Fixed package location

com.airbnb.showkase



Writing the Annotation Processor

```
class ShowkaseProcessor(  
    val environment: SymbolProcessorEnvironment  
) : SymbolProcessor {  
    override fun process(resolver: Resolver): List<KSAnnotated> {  
        return emptyList()  
    }  
}
```

Find Symbols with
Annotation

Validate

Generate Code

Use Generated
Code

```
graph LR; A[Find Symbols with Annotation] --> B[Validate]; B --> C[Generate Code]; C --> D[Use Generated Code]
```

Find Symbols with Annotation

Validate

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Use Generated Code

```
class ShowkaseProcessor(  
    val environment: SymbolProcessorEnvironment  
) : SymbolProcessor {  
    override fun process(resolver: Resolver): List<KSAnnotated> {  
        // TODO: Step1 - Find elements with annotation  
  
        return emptyList()  
    }  
}
```

```
// Find all preview functions in the current module
resolver.getSymbolsWithAnnotation("androidx.compose.ui.tooling.preview.Preview")
```

```
resolver.getSymbolsWithAnnotation("androidx.compose.ui.tooling.preview.Preview")
    .map { function →

}
```

```
resolver.getSymbolsWithAnnotation(...)  
    .map { function →  
}  
}
```

```
@Preview(  
    name = "ImageRow",  
    group = "Rows"  
)  
  
@Composable  
fun ImageRowPreview() {  
    ImageRow(...)  
}
```

```
resolver.getSymbolsWithAnnotation( ... )  
    .map { function →  
}  
}
```

```
@Preview(...)  
@Composable  
fun ImageRowPreview() {  
    ImageRow(...)  
}  
  
object MyPreviewsObject {  
    @Preview(...)  
    @Composable  
    fun ImageRowPreview() {  
        ImageRow(...)  
    }  
}  
  
class MyClass {  
    @Preview(...)  
    @Composable  
    fun ImageRowPreview() {  
        ImageRow(...)  
    }  
}
```

```
resolver.getSymbolsWithAnnotation("androidx.compose.ui.tooling.preview.Preview")
    .map { function →
        val previewAnnotation = function.annotations.first {
            it.shortName.asString() == "Preview"
        }
    }
}
```

```
resolver.getSymbolsWithAnnotation("androidx.compose.ui.tooling.preview.Preview")
    .map { function →
        val previewAnnotation = function.annotations.first {
            it.shortName.asString() == "Preview"
        }
        val name = previewAnnotation.arguments.first {
            it.name.asString() == "name"
        }.value
        val group = previewAnnotation.arguments.first {
            it.name.asString() == "group"
        }.value
    }
}
```

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resolver.getSymbolsWithAnnotation("androidx.compose.ui.tooling.preview.Preview")
    .map { function →
        val previewAnnotation = function.annotations.first {
            it.shortName.asString() == "Preview"
        }
        val name = previewAnnotation.arguments.first {
            it.name.asString() == "name"
        }.value
        val group = previewAnnotation.arguments.first {
            it.name.asString() == "group"
        }.value
        val wrapperClassMetadata = if (function.parentDeclaration is KSClassDeclaration){
            val wrappingClass = (function.parentDeclaration as KSClassDeclaration)
                wrappingClass.simpleName to wrappingClass.classKind
        } else null to null
    }
}
```

MyClass

ClassKind.Class or ClassKind.Object

```
resolver.getSymbolsWithAnnotation("androidx.compose.ui.tooling.preview.Preview")
    .map { function →
        ...
        Metadata(
            symbol = function,
            previewName = name,
            previewGroup = group,
            wrapperDeclarationName = wrapperClassMetadata.first,
            classKind = wrapperClassMetadata.second
        )
    }
}
```

```
@Retention(AnnotationRetention.SOURCE)
@Target(AnnotationTarget.FUNCTION)
annotation class ShowkaseComposable(
    val name: String = "",
    val group: String = "",
)
```

```
@ShowkaseComposable(name = "MyCustomComponent", group = "Custom")
@Preview(name = "MyCustomComponent", group = "SectionHeader")
@Composables
fun MyCustomComponentPreview() {
    MyCustomComponent("KotlinConf 2023")
}
```

```
val previewList: List<Metadata> = processPreviewFunctions(...)  
val showkasePreviewList: List<Metadata> = processPreviewFunctions(...)
```

```
val previewList: List<Metadata> = processPreviewFunctions(...)  
val showkasePreviewList: List<Metadata> = processPreviewFunctions(...)  
  
val consolidatedPreviewList = (showkasePreviewList + previewList)
```

```
val previewList: List<Metadata> = processPreviewFunctions(...)  
val showkasePreviewList: List<Metadata> = processPreviewFunctions(...)  
  
val consolidatedPreviewList = (showkasePreviewList + previewList)  
.distinctBy {  
    it.declaration.packageName + it.wrapperDeclarationName +  
    it.declaration.simpleName  
}
```

```
val previewList: List<Metadata> = processPreviewFunctions(...)  
val showkasePreviewList: List<Metadata> = processPreviewFunctions(...)  
  
val consolidatedPreviewList = (showkasePreviewList + previewList)  
.distinctBy {  
    it.declaration.packageName + it.wrapperDeclarationName +  
    it.declaration.simpleName  
}  
.distinctBy {  
    it.previewGroup + it.previewName  
}
```

```
// Check if the current module is the root module
val rootModule = resolver.getSymbolsWithAnnotation(
    ShowkaseRoot::class.java.name
).firstOrNull()
```

```
val previewList: List<Metadata> = processPreviewFunctions(...)  
val showkasePreviewList: List<Metadata> = processPreviewFunctions(...)  
val consolidatedPreviewList = (showkasePreviewList + previewList)  
    .distinctBy {  
        it.declaration.packageName + it.wrapperDeclarationName +  
        it.declaration.simpleName  
    }  
    .distinctBy {  
        it.previewGroup + it.previewName  
    }  
  
val rootModule: KSAnnotated? = processRootAnnotation(...)
```

```
graph LR; A[Find Elements with Annotation] --> B[Validate]; B --> C[Generate Code]; C --> D[Use Generated Code]
```

Find Elements with Annotation

Validate

Generate Code

Use Generated Code

Validation



Preview functions aren't private



Preview functions have no non-default parameters



Only `@Composable` functions can be annotated with `@ShowkaseComposable`

Find Elements with
Annotation

Validate

Generate Code

Use Generated
Code

Square/KotlinPoet

<https://github.com/square/kotlinpoet>

```
val consolidatePreviewList: List<Metadata>
```

Previews from current module that's
being processed by KSP

Metadata



Top-level Property

Top-level Property

```
val comexamplepackagename_Rows_ImageRow: ShowkaseBrowserComponent =  
    ShowkaseBrowserComponent(  
        group = "Rows",  
        name = "ImageRow",  
        composable = @Composable {  
            ImageRowPreview()  
        }  
    )
```

Top-level Property

Package name of preview function Preview Group

```
val comexamplepackagename.Rows.ImageRow: ShowkaseBrowserComponent =  
    ShowkaseBrowserComponent(  
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        }  
    )
```

Preview Name

Top-level Property

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            ImageRowPreview()  
        }  
    )
```

Top-level Property

```
val comexamplepackagename_Rows_ImageRow: ShowkaseBrowserComponent =  
    ShowkaseBrowserComponent(  
        group = "Rows",  
        name = "ImageRow",  
        composable = @Composable {  
            MyClass().ImageRowPreview()  
        }  
    )
```

Top-level Property

```
val comexamplepackagename_Rows_ImageRow: ShowkaseBrowserComponent =  
    ShowkaseBrowserComponent(  
        group = "Rows",  
        name = "ImageRow",  
        composable = @Composable {  
            MyObject.ImageRowPreview()  
        }  
    )
```

Metadata

```
graph TD; Metadata[Metadata] --> TopLevel[Top-level Property]; Metadata --> ClassInFixed[Class in fixed package]
```

Top-level Property Class in fixed
package

Class in fixed package

```
package com.airbnb.android.showkase

@ShowkaseCodegenMetadata(
    packageName = "com.example.packagename",
    generatedPropertyName = "comexamplepackagename_Rows_ImageRow",
)
class ShowkaseMetadata_comexamplepackagename_Rows_ImageRow {}
```

Class in fixed package

```
package com.airbnb.android.showkase

@ShowkaseCodegenMetadata(
    packageName = "com.example.packagename",
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class ShowkaseMetadata_comexamplepackagename_Rows_ImageRow {}
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Class in fixed package

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Class in fixed package

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```

Class in fixed package

```
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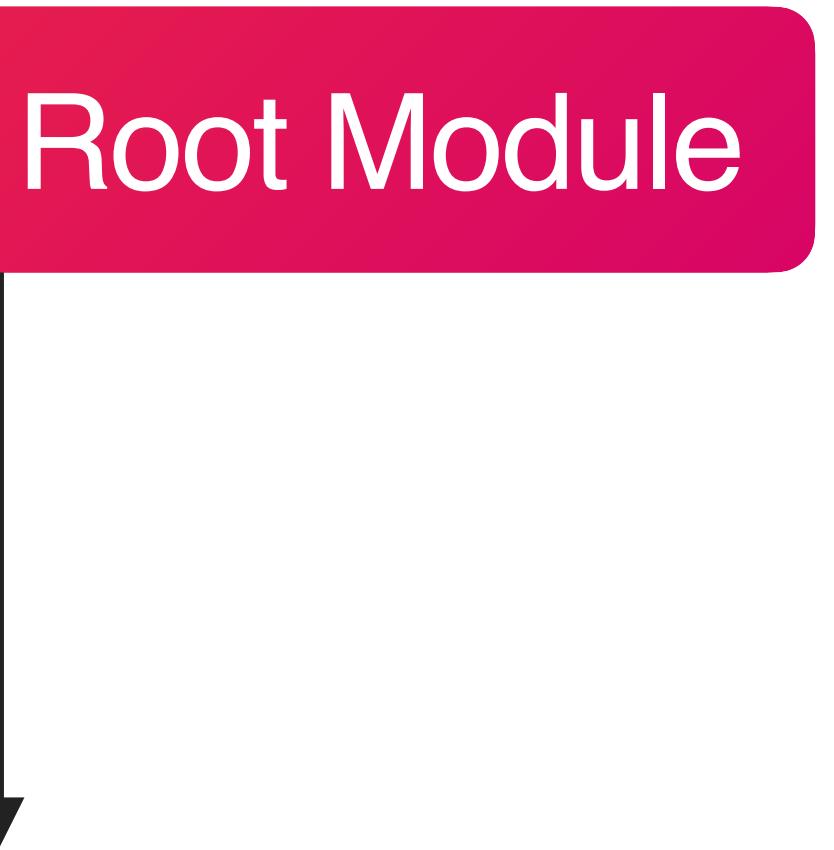
@ShowkaseCodegenMetadata(
    packageName = "com.example.packagename",
    generatedPropertyName = "comexamplepackagename_Rows_ImageRow",
)
class ShowkaseMetadata_comexamplepackagename_Rows_ImageRow {}
```

✓ □ com.airbnb.android.showkase

- ↳ ShowkaseMetadata_comexamplepackagename_Rows_DisclosureRow
- ↳ ShowkaseMetadata_comexamplepackagename_Rows_ActionRow
- ↳ ShowkaseMetadata_comexamplepackagename_Rows_ImageRow
- ↳ ShowkaseMetadata_comexamplepackagename_Inputs_TextInput
- ↳ ShowkaseMetadata_comexamplepackagename_Inputs_SelectInput
- ↳ ShowkaseMetadata_comexamplepackagename2_Navigation_NavBar
- ↳ ShowkaseMetadata_comexamplepackagename2_Navigation_ActionFooter

```
val rootModule: KSAnnotated? = processRootAnnotation(...)
```

```
val rootModule: KSAnnotated? = processRootAnnotation(...)  
if (rootModule != null) {  
    // This means that we are currently processing  
    // the root module  
}
```



Aggregator Class

Aggregator Class

```
resolver.getDeclarationsFromPackage("com.airbnb.android.showkase")
```

Aggregator Class

```
resolver.getDeclarationsFromPackage("com.airbnb.android.showkase")
    .filter { it is KSClassDeclaration }
```

Aggregator Class

```
resolver.getDeclarationsFromPackage("com.airbnb.android.showkase")
    .filter { it is KSClassDeclaration }
    .map {
}
```

Aggregator Class

```
resolver.getDeclarationsFromPackage("com.airbnb.android.showkase")
    .filter { it is KSClassDeclaration }
    .map {
        val annotations = it.getAnnotationsByType(
            ShowkaseCodegenMetadata::class
        )
    }
}
```

Aggregator Class

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    .filter { it is KSClassDeclaration }  
    .map {  
        val annotations = it.getAnnotationsByType(  
            ShowkaseCodegenMetadata::class  
        )  
        annotations.firstOrNull()?.let { annotation →  
            GeneratedMetadata(  
                propertyName = annotation.generatedPropertyName,  
                propertyPackage = annotation.packageName,  
                classKind = ClassKind.CLASS,  
                originatingNode = it  
            )  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Aggregator Class

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            propertyPackage = annotation.packageName,  
            classKind = ClassKind.CLASS,  
            originatingNode = it  
        )  
    }  
}  
.filterNotNull()  
.toList()
```

Aggregator Class

```
val rootModule: KSAnnotated? = processRootAnnotation(...)  
if (rootModule != null) {  
}  
}
```

Aggregator Class

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val rootModule: KSAnnotated? = processRootAnnotation(...)  
if (rootModule != null) {  
    val fixedPackageMetadataList = getFixedPackageMetadata(...)  
}
```

Aggregator Class

```
val rootModule: KSAnnotated? = processRootAnnotation(...)  
if (rootModule != null) {  
    val fixedPackageMetadataList = getFixedPackageMetadata(...)  
    val aggregatedMetadata = fixedPackageMetadataList +  
        currentPreviewList.map { it.toGeneratedMetadata() }  
}
```

Aggregator Class

```
val rootModule: KSAnnotated? = processRootAnnotation(...)  
if (rootModule != null) {  
    val fixedPackageMetadataList = getFixedPackageMetadata(...)  
    val aggregatedMetadata = fixedPackageMetadataList +  
        currentPreviewList.map { it.toGeneratedMetadata() }  
    writeAggregatedFile(aggregatedMetadata)  
}
```

Aggregator Class

```
class MyShowkaseRoot_ShowkaseCodegen : ShowkaseProvider {  
    override fun getShowkaseComponents() = listOf(  
        comexamplepackagename_Rows_DisclosureRow,  
        comexamplepackagename_Rows_ActionRow,  
        comexamplepackagename_Rows_ImageRow,  
        comexamplepackagename_Inputs_TextInput,  
        comexamplepackagename_Inputs_SelectInput,  
        comexamplepackagename2_Navigation_NavBar,  
        comexamplepackagename2_Navigation_ActionFooter,  
    )  
}
```

```
val comexamplepackagename_Rows_ImageRow = ShowkaseBrowserComponent(  
    group = "Rows",  
    name = "ImageRow",  
    composable = @Composable {  
        ImageRowPreview()  
    }  
)
```

Root Module

Aggregator Class

Browser Intent



Browser Intent

object Showkase

```
fun Showkase.getBrowserIntent(context: Context): Intent {  
}
```

Browser Intent

```
fun Showkase.getBrowserIntent(context: Context): Intent {  
    val intent = Intent(context, ShowkaseBrowserActivity::class.java)  
}
```

Browser Intent

```
fun Showkase.getBrowserIntent(context: Context): Intent {  
    val intent = Intent(context, ShowkaseBrowserActivity::class.java)  
    intent.putExtra("SHOWKASE_AGGREGATOR_FILE",  
        "com.yourpackage.MyRootModule_ShowkaseCodegen")  
}
```

Browser Intent

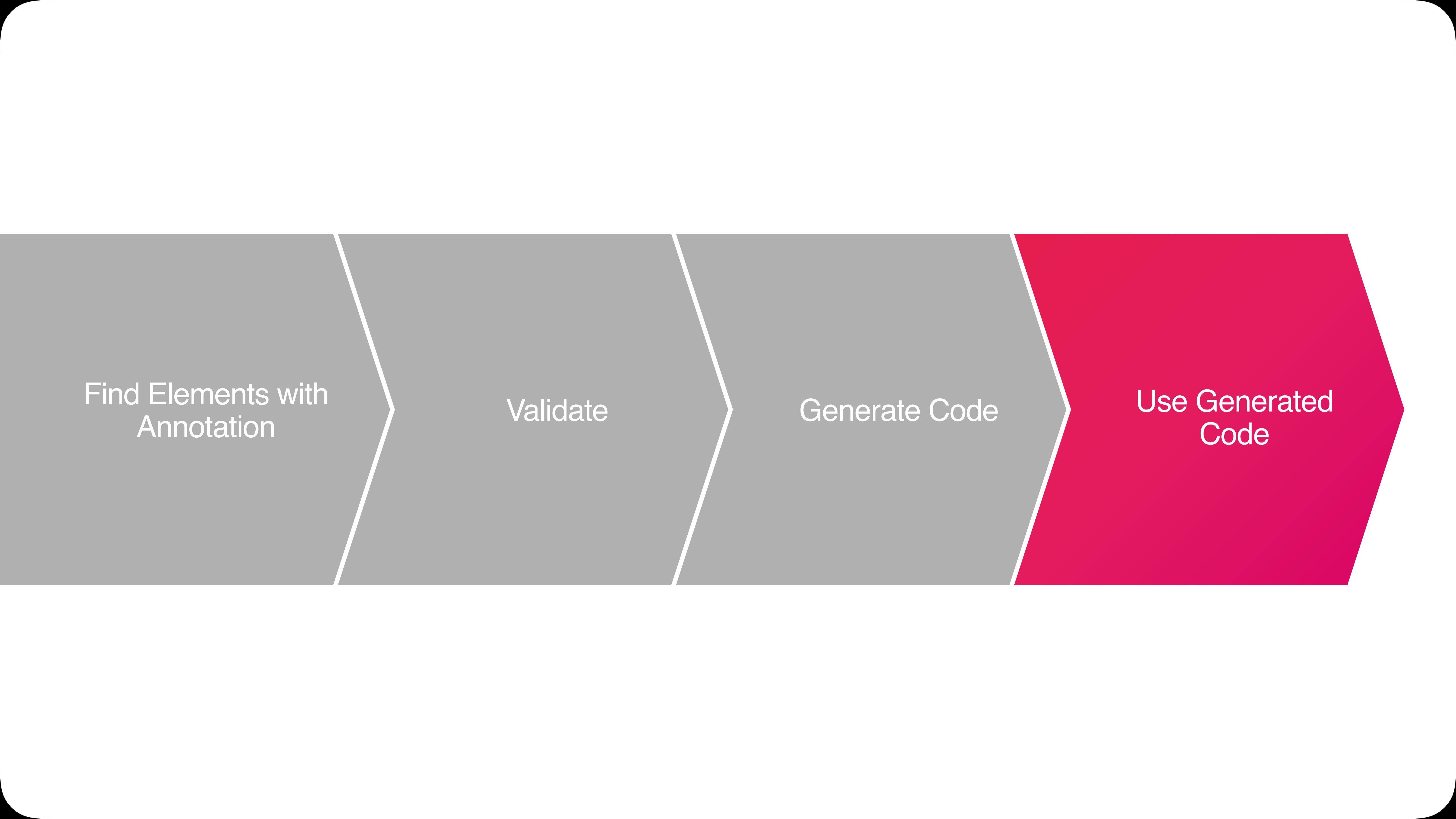
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    return intent  
}
```

Browser Intent

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    return intent  
}
```

Browser Intent

```
fun Showkase.getBrowserIntent(context: Context): Intent {  
    val intent = Intent(context, ShowkaseBrowserActivity::class.java)  
    intent.putExtra("SHOWKASE_AGGREGATOR_FILE",  
    "com.yourpackage.MyRootModule_ShowkaseCodegen")  
    return intent  
}  
  
// Usage  
startActivity(Showkase.getBrowserIntent(requireContext()))
```



```
graph LR; A[Find Elements with Annotation] --> B[Validate]; B --> C[Generate Code]; C --> D[Use Generated Code]
```

Find Elements with Annotation

Validate

Generate Code

Use Generated Code

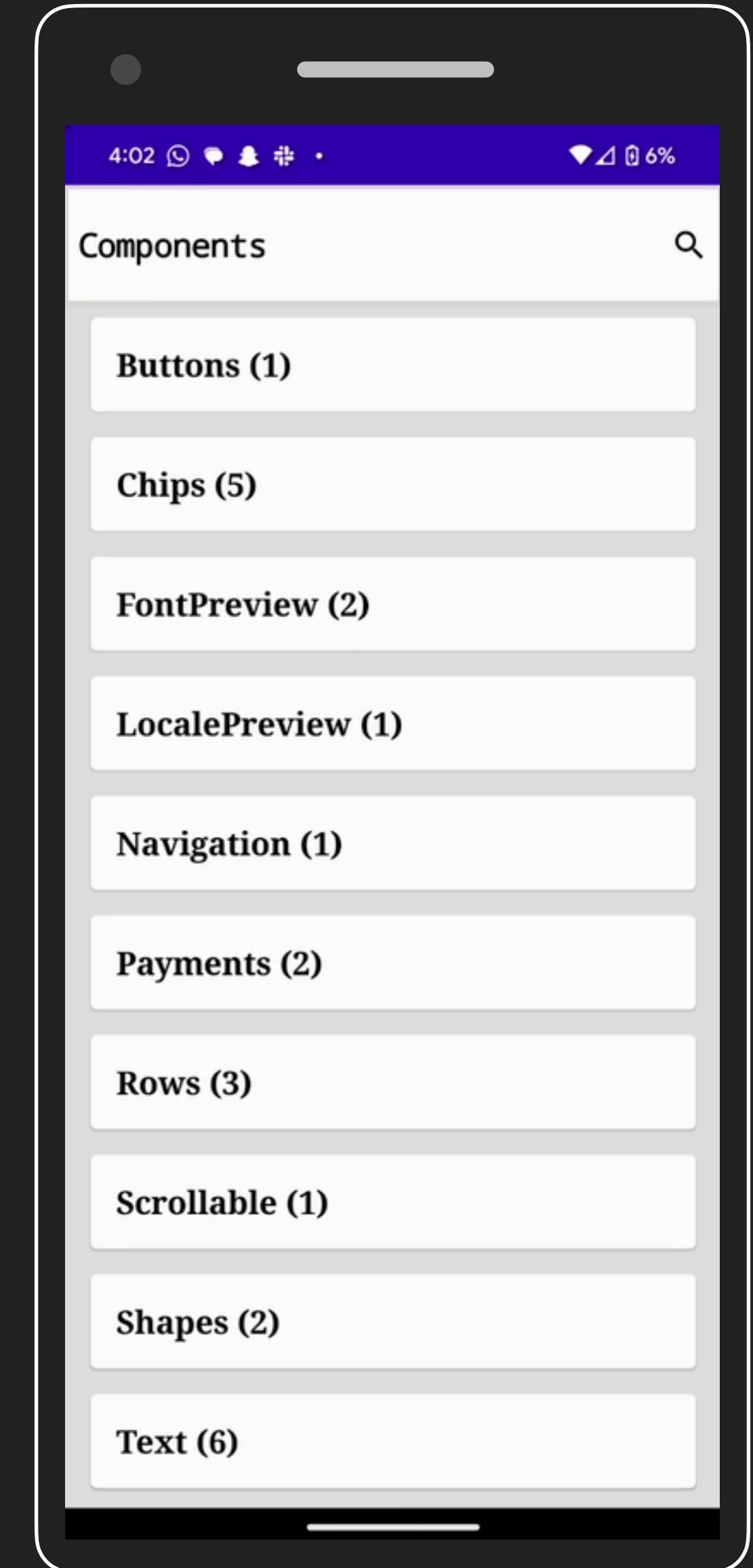
```
class ShowkaseBrowserActivity: ComponentActivity() {  
    override fun onCreate(savedInstanceState: Bundle?) {  
    }  
}
```

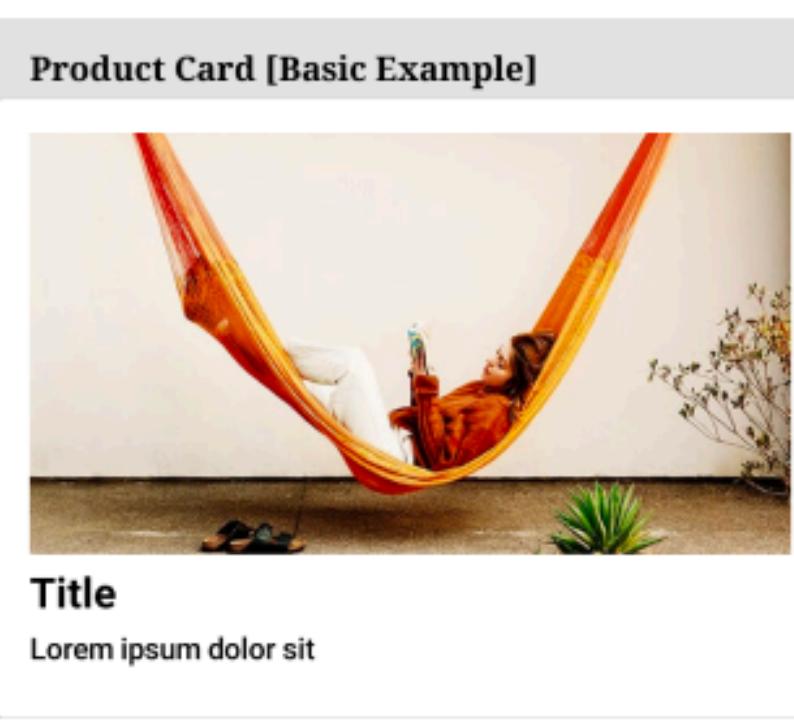
```
class ShowkaseBrowserActivity: ComponentActivity() {  
    override fun onCreate(savedInstanceState: Bundle?) {  
        val classKey = intent.extras.getString("SHOWKASE_AGGREGATOR_FILE")  
    }  
}
```

```
class ShowkaseBrowserActivity: ComponentActivity() {  
    override fun onCreate(savedInstanceState: Bundle?) {  
        val classKey = intent.extras.getString("SHOWKASE_AGGREGATOR_FILE")  
        val provider = Class.forName(classKey)  
            .newInstance()  
    }  
}
```

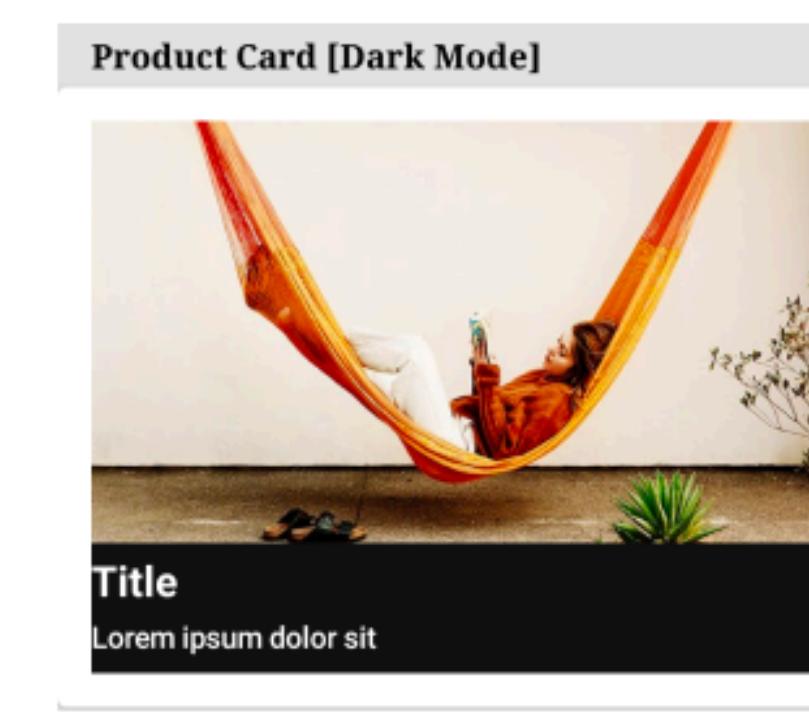
```
class ShowkaseBrowserActivity: ComponentActivity() {
    override fun onCreate(savedInstanceState: Bundle?) {
        val classKey = intent.extras.getString("SHOWKASE_AGGREGATOR_FILE")
        val provider = Class.forName(classKey)
            .newInstance()
        val showkaseMetadata = (provider as ShowkaseProvider)
            .componentList()
    }
}
```

```
class ShowkaseBrowserActivity: ComponentActivity() {
    override fun onCreate(savedInstanceState: Bundle?) {
        val classKey = intent.extras.getString("SHOWKASE_AGGREGATOR_FILE")
        val provider = Class.forName(classKey)
            .newInstance()
        val showkaseMetadata = (provider as ShowkaseProvider)
            .componentList()
        // Regular app from this point onwards
    }
}
```

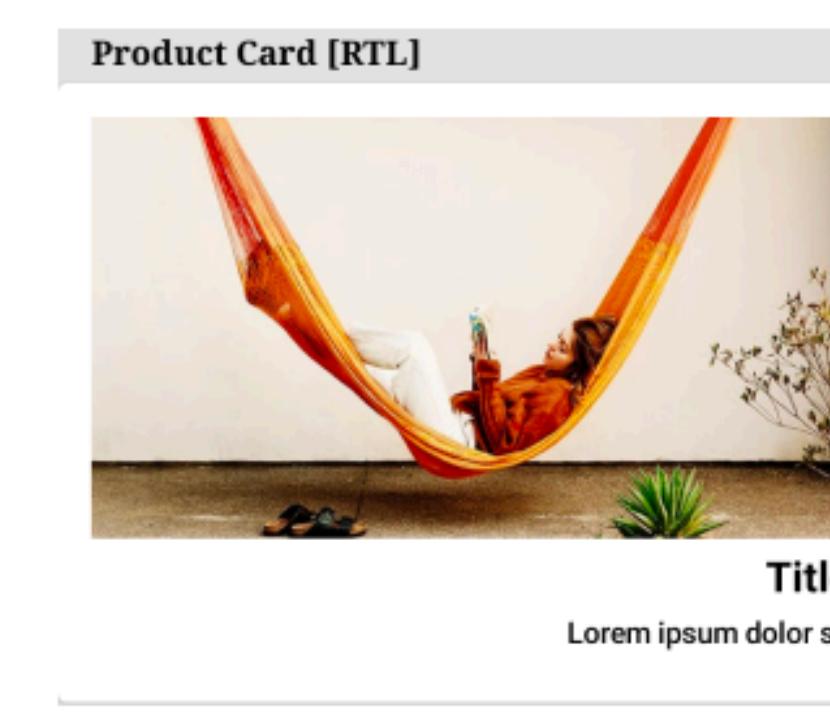




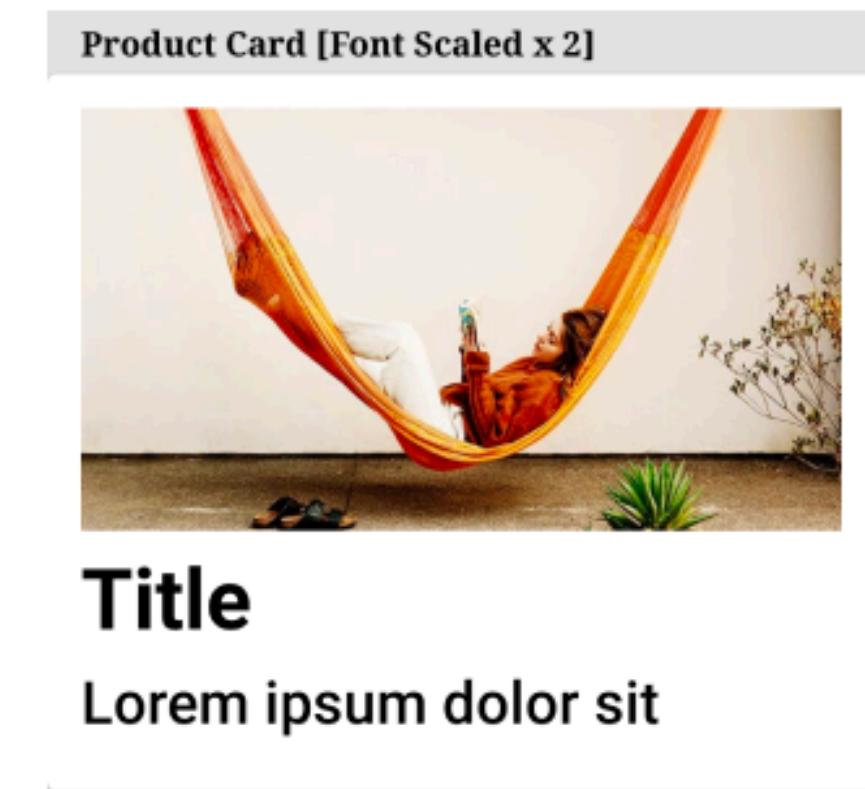
Basic Example



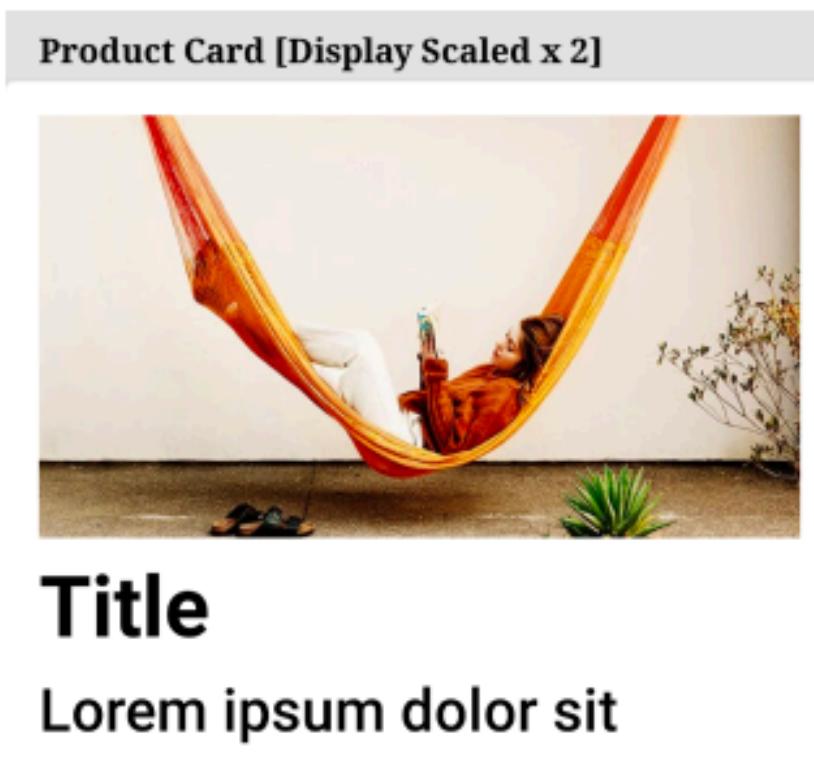
Dark mode enabled



Right-to-left enabled



Font size is scaled to
2X the normal size



Density is scaled to
2X the normal size

Button

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I would like to link the style
variants of a component
together 

```
@Retention(AnnotationRetention.SOURCE)
@Target(AnnotationTarget.FUNCTION)
annotation class ShowkaseComposable(
    val name: String = "",
    val group: String = "",
)
```

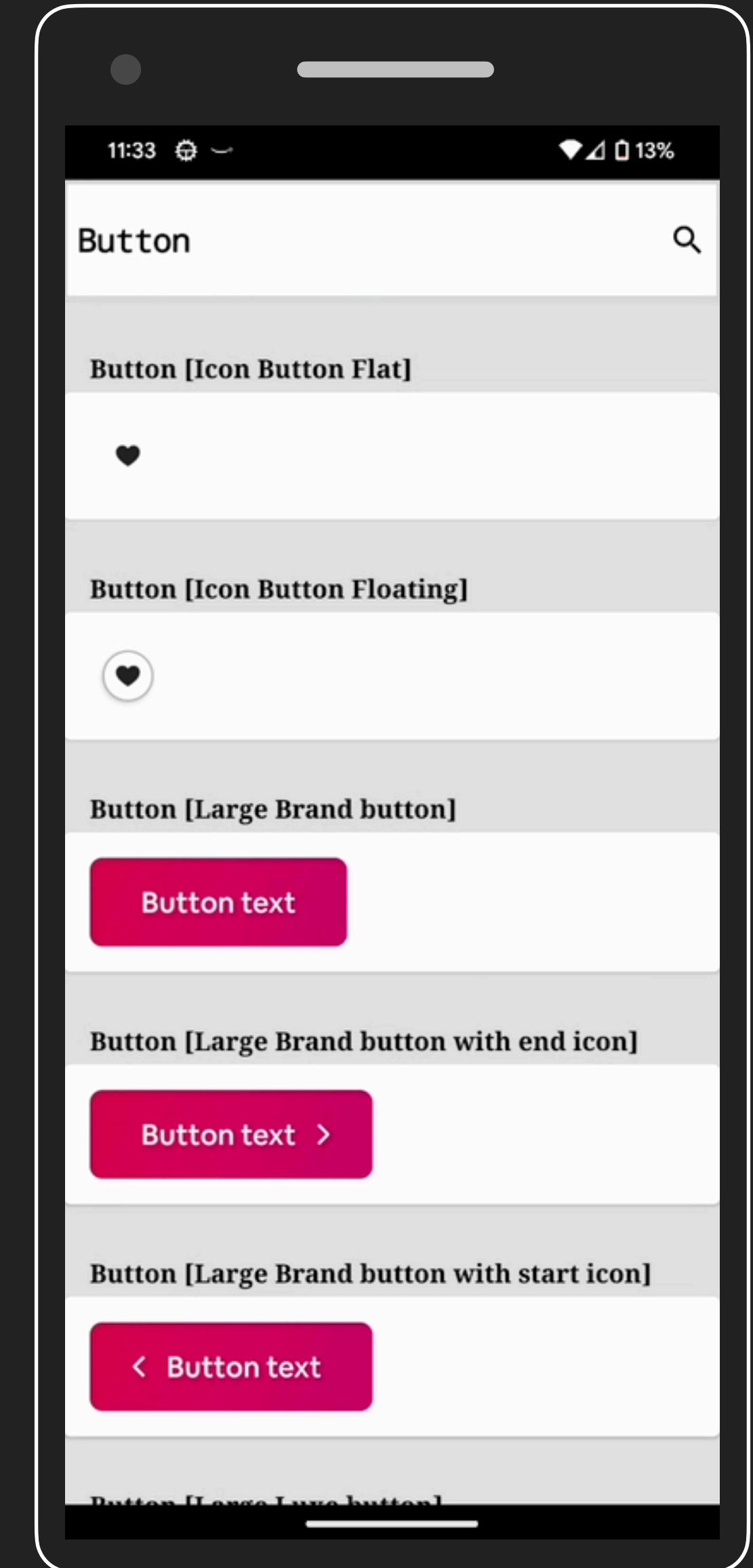
```
@Retention(AnnotationRetention.SOURCE)
@Target(AnnotationTarget.FUNCTION)
annotation class ShowkaseComposable(
    val name: String = "",
    val group: String = "",
    val styleName: String = "#",
    val defaultStyle: Boolean = false
)
```

```
@ShowkaseComposable(name = "Button", group = "Inputs", defaultStyle = true)
@Composable
fun Preview_Button_Default() {
    ...
}
```

```
@ShowkaseComposable(name = "Button", defaultStyle = true)
@Composable
fun Preview_Button_Default() {
    ...
}
```

```
@ShowkaseComposable(name = "Button", group = "Inputs", styleName = "Plus")
@Composable
fun Preview_Button_PlusStyle() {
    ...
}
```

```
@ShowkaseComposable(name = "Button", group = "Inputs", styleName = "Lux")
@Composable
fun Preview_Button_LuxStyle() {
    ...
}
```



I would like to document
other UI Elements

as well 

```
@Retention(AnnotationRetention.SOURCE)
@Target(AnnotationTarget.FIELD)
annotation class ShowkaseTypography(
    val name: String = "",
    val group: String = "",
)
```

```
@Retention(AnnotationRetention.SOURCE)
@Target(AnnotationTarget.FIELD)
annotation class ShowkaseColor(
    val name: String = "",
    val group: String = "",
)
```

```
@ShowkaseColor(name = "Primary Color", group = "Material Design")
val primaryColor = Color(0xFF6200EE)
```

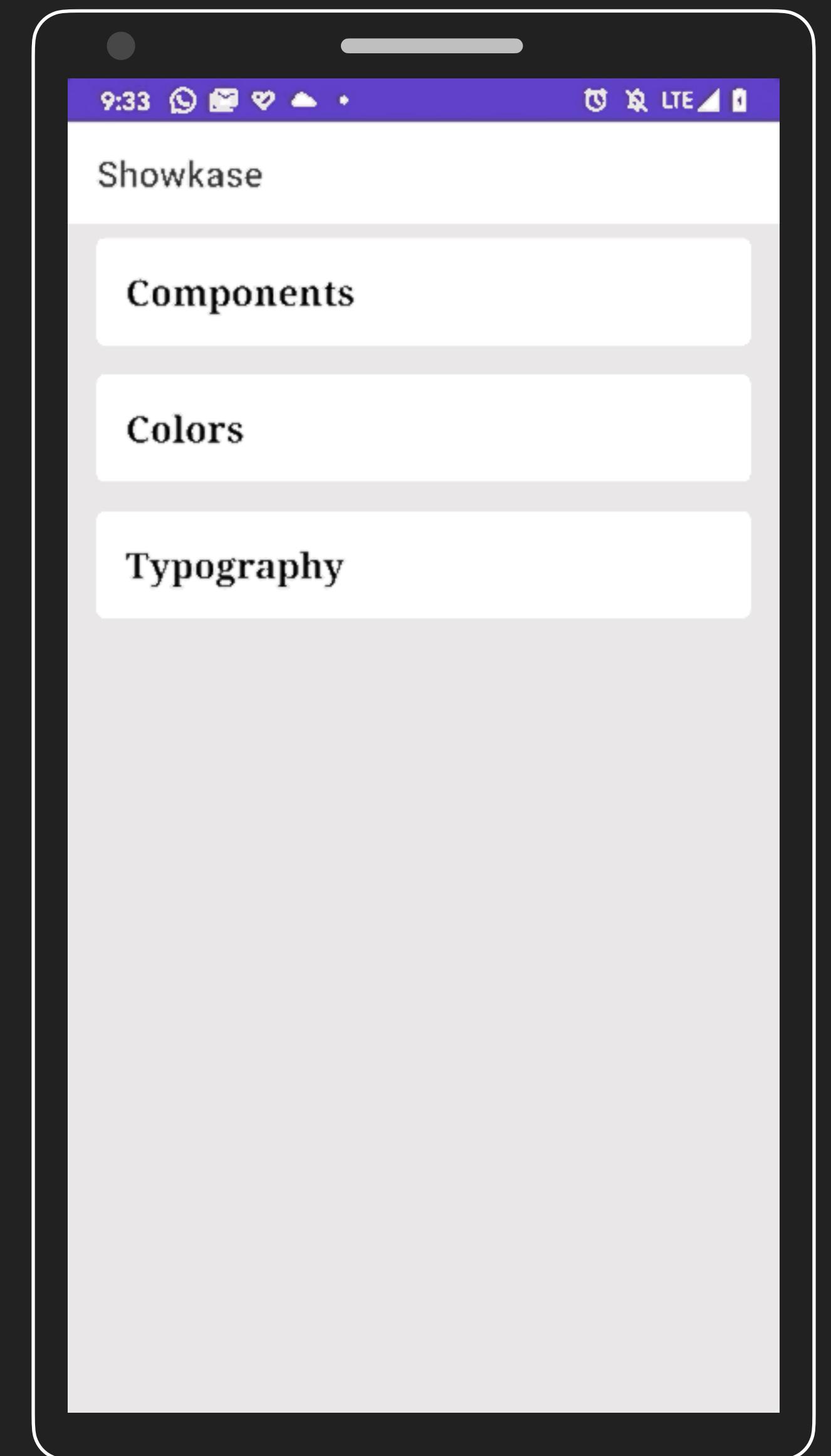
```
@ShowkaseTypography(name = "Heading1", group = "Material Design")
val h1 = TextStyle(
    fontWeight = FontWeight.Light,
    fontSize = 96.sp,
    letterSpacing = (-1.5).sp
)
```

```
val previewList: List<Metadata> = processPreviewFunctions(...)  
val showkasePreviewList: List<Metadata> = processPreviewFunctions(...)
```

```
val previewList: List<Metadata> = processPreviewFunctions(...)  
val showkasePreviewList: List<Metadata> = processPreviewFunctions(...)  
  
val colorList: List<Metadata> = processColors(...)  
val typography: List<Metadata> = processTypography(...)
```

```
interface ShowkaseProvider {  
    fun componentList(): List<BrowserComponent>  
}
```

```
interface ShowkaseProvider {  
    fun componentList(): List<BrowserComponent>  
  
    fun colors(): List<BrowserColor>  
  
    fun typography: List<BrowserTypography>  
}
```



Quality

```
interface ShowkaseProvider {  
    fun componentList(): List<BrowserComponent>  
  
    fun colors(): List<BrowserColor>  
  
    fun typography: List<BrowserTypography>  
}
```

```
interface ShowkaseProvider {  
    fun componentList(): List<BrowserComponent>  
  
    fun colors(): List<BrowserColor>  
  
    fun typography: List<BrowserTypography>  
  
    fun metadata(): ShowkaseElementsMetadata {  
        val componentList = componentList()  
        val colorList = colors()  
        val typographyList = typography()  
        return ShowkaseElementsMetadata(componentList, colorList, typographyList)  
    }  
}
```

```
fun Showkase.getMetadata(): ShowkaseElementsMetadata {  
}
```

```
fun Showkase.getMetadata(): ShowkaseElementsMetadata {
    try {
        val provider = Class.forName(
            "com.example.packagename.RootModule_ShowkaseCodegen"
        ).newInstance() as ShowkaseProvider
        return showkaseComponentProvider.metadata()
    } catch(exception: ClassNotFoundException) {
        error("Make sure that you have setup Showkase correctly...")
    }
}
```

```
val showkaseMetadata = Showkase.metadata()
```

```
val showkaseMetadata = Showkase.metadata()  
  
val components = showkaseMetadata.componentList()  
val colors = showkaseMetadata.colorList()  
val typography = showkaseMetadata.typographyList()
```

Having access to all UI
elements that you care
about is really
POWERFUL 

Use case: Screenshot Testing

CashApp/Paparazzi

<https://github.com/CashApp/Paparazzi>

```
@RunWith(TestParameterInjector::class)
class MyPaparazziShowkaseScreenshotTest_PaparazziShowkaseTest : MyScreenshotTest() {
    @get:Rule
    val paparazzi: Paparazzi = providePaparazzi()

    @Test
    fun test_previews(
        @TestParameter(valuesProvider = PaparazziShowkasePreviewProvider::class)
        elementPreview: PaparazziShowkaseTestPreview,
        @TestParameter(valuesProvider = PaparazziShowkaseDeviceConfigProvider::class)
        config: PaparazziShowkaseDeviceConfig,
        @TestParameter(valuesProvider = PaparazziShowkaseLayoutDirectionProvider::class)
        direction: LayoutDirection,
        @TestParameter(valuesProvider = PaparazziShowkaseUIModeProvider::class)
        uiMode: PaparazziShowkaseUIMode,
    ): Unit {
        paparazzi.unsafeUpdateConfig(config.deviceConfig.copy(softButtons = false))
        takePaparazziSnapshot(paparazzi, elementPreview, direction, uiMode)
    }

    private object PaparazziShowkasePreviewProvider : TestParameter.TestParameterValuesProvider {
        override fun provideValues(): List<PaparazziShowkaseTestPreview> {
            val metadata = Showkase.getMetadata()
            val components = metadata.componentList.map(::ComponentTestPreview)
            val colors = metadata.colorList.map(::ColorTestPreview)
            val typography = metadata.typographyList.map(::TypographyTestPreview)
            return components + colors + typography
        }
    }

    private object PaparazziShowkaseDeviceConfigProvider : TestParameter.TestParameterValuesProvider {
        override fun provideValues(): List<PaparazziShowkaseDeviceConfig> = deviceConfigs()
    }

    private object PaparazziShowkaseLayoutDirectionProvider :
        TestParameter.TestParameterValuesProvider {
        override fun provideValues(): List<LayoutDirection> = layoutDirections()
    }

    private object PaparazziShowkaseUIModeProvider : TestParameter.TestParameterValuesProvider {
        override fun provideValues(): List<PaparazziShowkaseUIMode> = uiModes()
    }
}
```

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            config: PaparazziShowkaseDeviceConfig,
        @TestParameter(valuesProvider = PaparazziShowkaseLayoutDirectionProvider::class)
            direction: LayoutDirection,
        @TestParameter(valuesProvider = PaparazziShowkaseUIModeProvider::class)
            uiMode: PaparazziShowkaseUIMode,
    ): Unit {
        paparazzi.unsafeUpdateConfig(config.deviceConfig.copy(softButtons = false))
        takePaparazziSnapshot(paparazzi, elementPreview, direction, uiMode)
    }
}
```

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    }
}
```

```
private object PaparazziShowkasePreviewProvider :
    TestParameter.TestParameterValuesProvider {
```

```
@TestParameter(valuesProvider = PaparazziShowkaseUIModeProvider::class)
    uiMode: PaparazziShowkaseUIMode,
): Unit {
    paparazzi.unsafeUpdateConfig(config.deviceConfig.copy(softButtons = false))
    takePaparazziSnapshot(paparazzi, elementPreview, direction, uiMode)
}
```

```
private object PaparazziShowkasePreviewProvider :
TestParameter.TestParameterValuesProvider {
    override fun provideValues(): List<PaparazziShowkaseTestPreview> {
        val metadata = Showkase.getMetadata()
        val components = metadata.componentList.map(::ComponentTestPreview)
        val colors = metadata.colorList.map(::ColorTestPreview)
        val typography = metadata.typographyList.map(::TypographyTestPreview)
        return components + colors + typography
    }
}
```

```
private object PaparazziShowkaseDeviceConfigProvider :
TestParameter.TestParameterValuesProvider {
    override fun provideValues(): List<PaparazziShowkaseDeviceConfig> = deviceConfigs()
}
```

Wouldn't it be amazing if I
didn't have to write all this
code that you showed me
today



Showkase

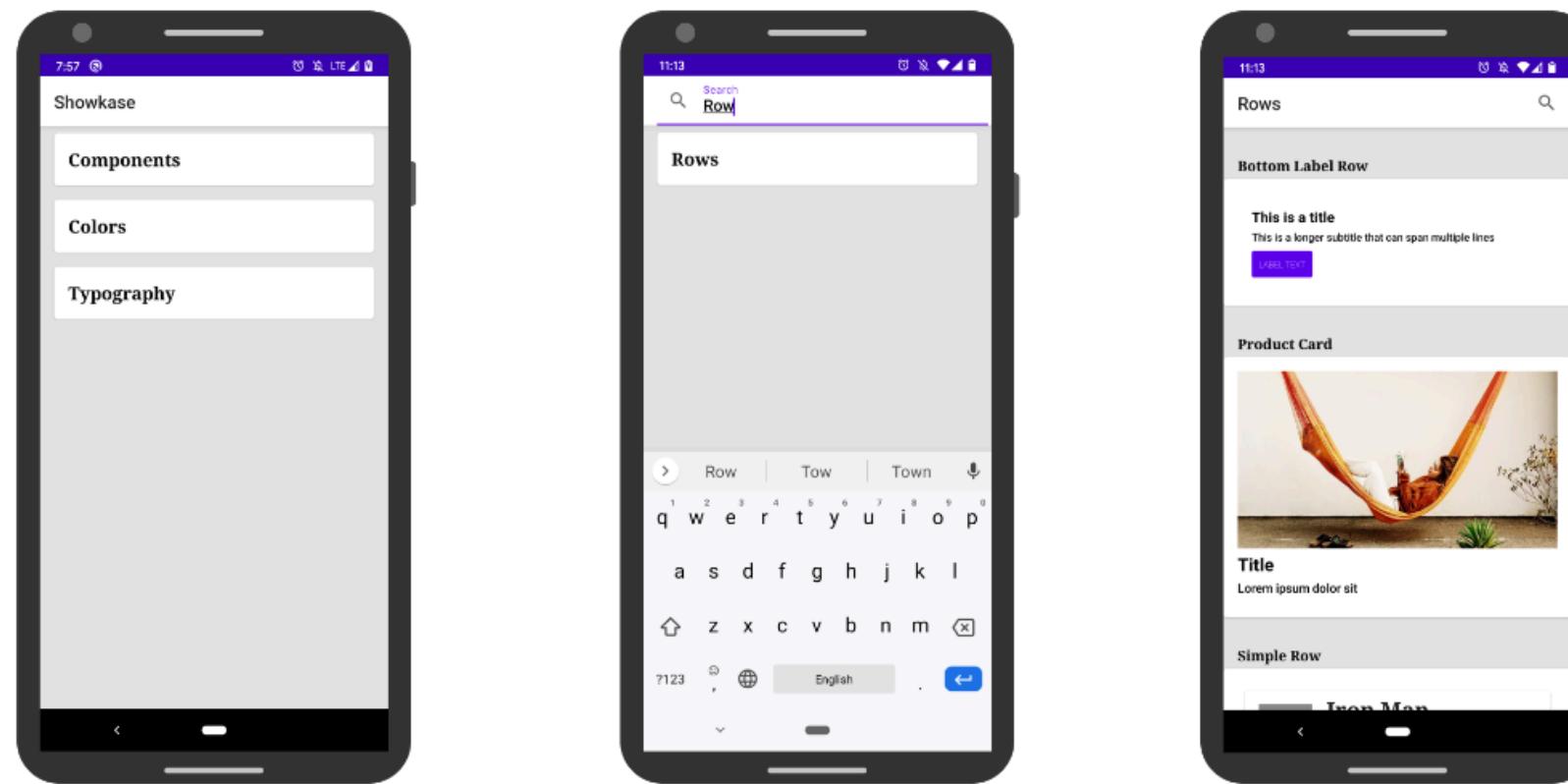
<https://github.com/airbnb>Showkase>

Showkase

Showkase 1.0.0-beta18 | Compatible with Compose 1.2.1

Showkase is an annotation-processor based Android library that helps you organize, discover, search and visualize [Jetpack Compose](#) UI elements. With minimal configuration it generates a UI browser that helps you easily find your components, colors & typography. It also renders your components in common situations like dark mode, right-to-left layouts, and scaled fonts which help in finding issues early.

Showkase auto-generates a browser for your Jetpack Compose UI Elements



All your UI elements are neatly organized automatically with minimal effort.

You can search your UI elements by their name or the group they belong to.

Get a preview of what each component in your codebase looks like. This helps with discoverability and better reuse.

Multiple permutations are auto generated for each component allowing you to preview it in different scenarios



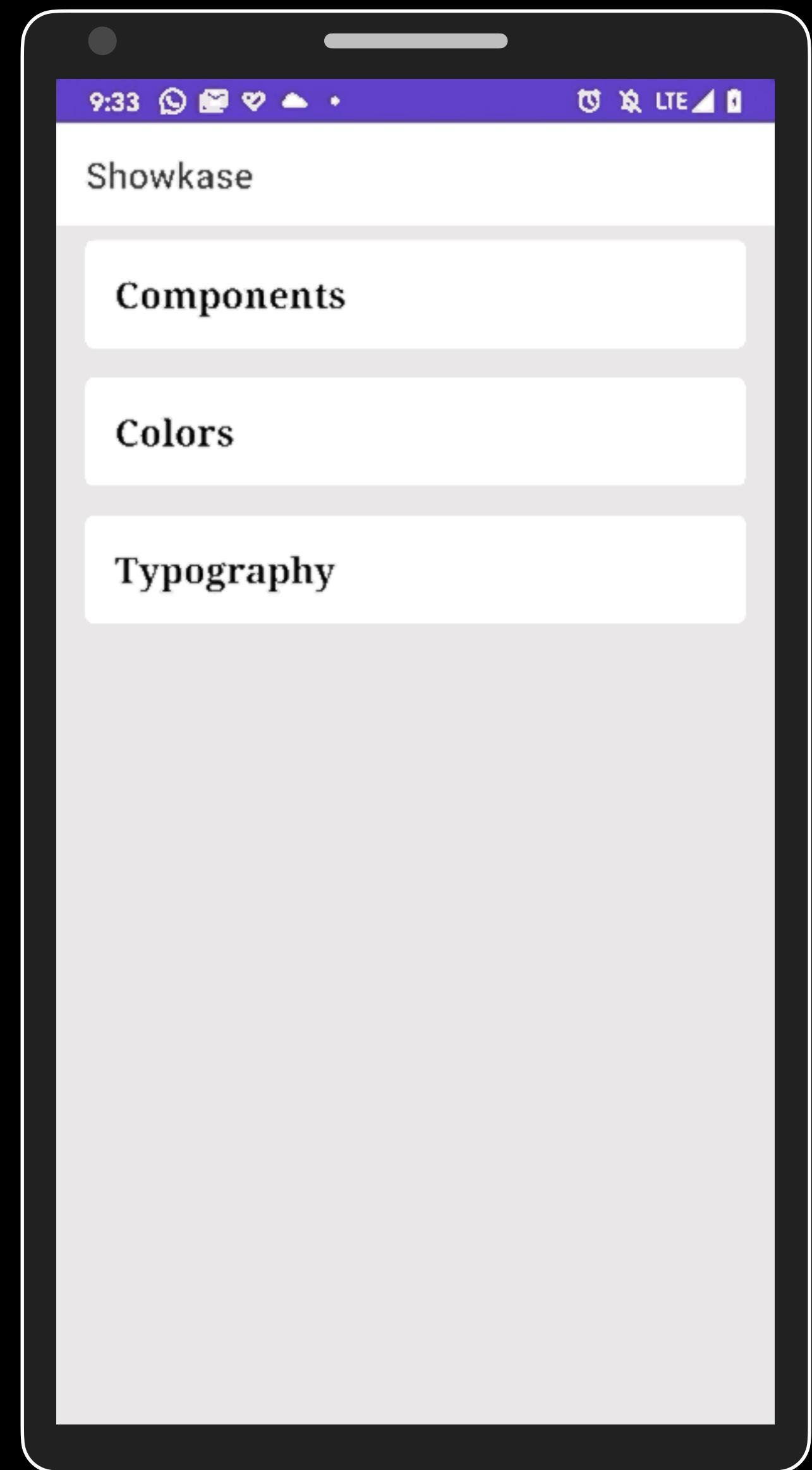
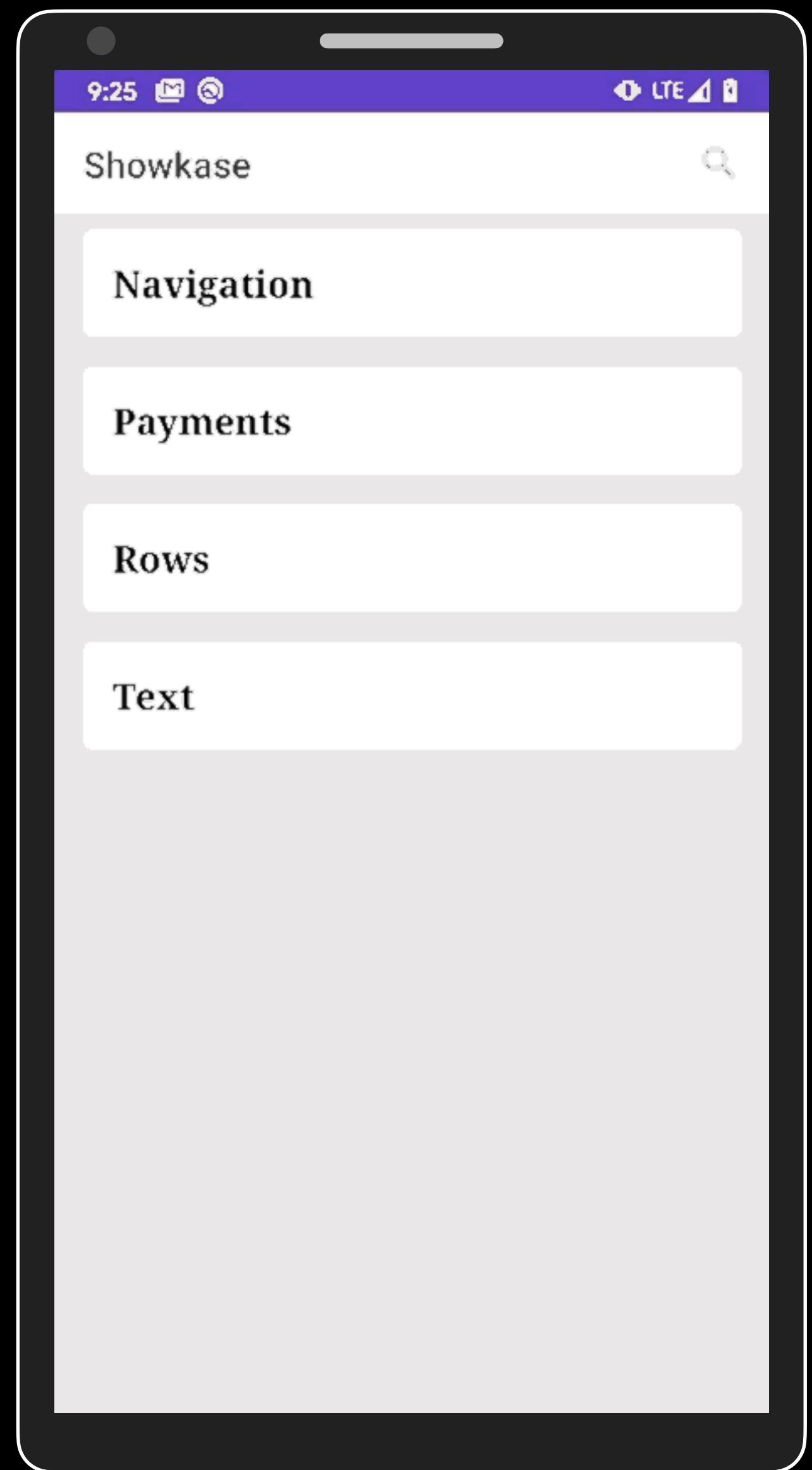
Basic Example

Dark mode enabled

Right-to-left enabled

Font size is scaled to 2X the normal size

Density is scaled to 2X the normal size



Summary

- 🔨 KSP needs to be in every engineer's arsenal
- 🧩 Keep composability in mind when building UI infrastructure
- 😊 Don't reinvent the wheel, use Showkase

Thank you, and don't forget to vote



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