

# Jetpack Compose

Interview Questions  
and Answers

## Core Concepts

This section focuses on fundamental principles and advanced concepts that an experienced developer should master.

### 1. Explain the difference between `remember`, `rememberSaveable`, and `derivedStateOf` in Jetpack Compose. When would you use each?

**`remember`** caches a value across recompositions but loses it on configuration changes. **`rememberSaveable`** persists data across configuration changes using Bundle. **`derivedStateOf`** creates computed state that only recomposes when its dependencies change.

#### Use Cases:

- **`remember`**: UI state like scroll position, expanded states that don't need persistence
- **`rememberSaveable`**: User input, form data, navigation state that should survive rotation
- **`derivedStateOf`**: Computed values from other state to minimize recompositions

```
val scrollState = rememberScrollState() // remember
val text = rememberSaveable { mutableStateOf("") } // survives config changes
val isValid by remember { derivedStateOf { text.value.length > 5 } } // computed state
```

### 2. How does Compose's recomposition scope work? Explain smart recomposition and how to optimize it.

**Smart recomposition** means Compose only recomposes the specific composables affected by state changes, not the entire tree. Compose tracks state reads during composition and creates subscriptions.

#### Optimization Techniques:

- Read state as low as possible in the composition tree
- Use **`remember`** with keys to control recalculation
- Mark parameters as **`stable`** or use immutable data classes
- Avoid reading state in composable lambdas passed as parameters
- Use **`derivedStateOf`** for computed values

```
@Composable
fun UserList(users: List<User>) {
    val filteredUsers by remember(users) {
        derivedStateOf { users.filter { it.isActive } }
    }
    LazyColumn { items(filteredUsers) { UserItem(it) } }
}
```

### 3. What are `SideEffect`, `LaunchedEffect`, `DisposableEffect`, and `rememberCoroutineScope`? Provide scenarios for each.

#### Side Effect APIs:

- **`SideEffect`**: Executes on every successful recomposition. Use for publishing state to non-Compose code
- **`LaunchedEffect`**: Launches coroutines tied to composition lifecycle. Cancels when keys change or composable leaves
- **`DisposableEffect`**: Requires cleanup logic. Use for registering/unregistering listeners
- **`rememberCoroutineScope`**: Returns scope for manual coroutine launching from event handlers

```
LaunchedEffect(userId) { loadUserData(userId) } // API call
```

```
DisposableEffect(Unit) {
    val listener = LocationListener()
    locationManager.register(listener)
    onDispose { locationManager.unregister(listener) }
}
```

```
val scope = rememberCoroutineScope()
Button(onClick = { scope.launch { animate() } })
```

#### 4. Explain State hoisting in Compose. Why is it important and what are the trade-offs?

**State hoisting** is the pattern of moving state up to the composable's caller to make it stateless and reusable. The composable receives state and events as parameters.

##### Benefits:

- Makes composables reusable and testable
- Single source of truth for state
- Enables state sharing between composables
- Separates UI from logic

##### Trade-offs:

- Can lead to excessive parameter passing (prop drilling)
- May cause unnecessary recompositions if not careful
- Requires more boilerplate for simple cases

```
@Composable
fun StatelessTextField(
    value: String,
    onChange: (String) -> Unit
) {
    TextField(value = value, onChange = onChange)
}
```

#### 5. How does Compose's snapshot system work? Explain the role of the snapshot system in state management.

The **snapshot system** is Compose's core state management mechanism that provides thread-safe, transactional state changes with isolation.

##### Key Concepts:

- **Snapshot:** Immutable view of mutable state at a point in time
- **MutableState:** Observable state objects tracked by the snapshot system
- **Global Snapshot:** Main thread snapshot for UI updates
- **Isolated Snapshots:** For background operations without affecting UI

##### How it Works:

- State reads record subscriptions in current snapshot
- State writes create new snapshots
- Recomposition is scheduled when snapshots are applied
- Provides atomic updates and rollback capabilities

```
val state = mutableStateOf(0)
Snapshot.withMutableSnapshot {
    state.value = 1 // isolated change
    // can be rolled back
}
```

#### 6. What is the Composition local system? How does it differ from passing parameters? When should you use CompositionLocalProvider?

**CompositionLocal** provides implicit dependency injection through the composition tree, avoiding

prop drilling for cross-cutting concerns.

## Types:

- **compositionLocalOf:** Recomposes all consumers when value changes
- **staticCompositionLocalOf:** No automatic recomposition, for rarely changing values

## Use Cases:

- Theme data, colors, typography
- Dependency injection (ViewModels, repositories)
- Platform-specific values (context, configuration)

## When NOT to use:

- Frequently changing data (use state hoisting)
- Simple parent-child communication

```
val LocalUser = compositionLocalOf<User?> { null }
```

```
CompositionLocalProvider(LocalUser provides currentUser) {  
    UserProfile() // accesses LocalUser.current  
}
```

## 7. Explain the Compose compiler plugin's role. What are stable, restartable, and skippable functions?

The **Compose compiler plugin** transforms composable functions into state-aware, optimized code that integrates with the runtime.

## Function Classifications:

- **Restartable:** Can be recomposed independently. Most @Composable functions are restartable
- **Skippable:** Recomposition can be skipped if inputs haven't changed (equals check)
- **Stable:** Types whose public properties are immutable or observable (MutableState)

## Compiler Transformations:

- Adds Composer parameter to track state reads
- Inserts comparison logic for skipping
- Generates metadata for runtime optimization

```
@Stable  
data class User(val id: String, val name: String)
```

```
@Composable // restartable & skippable if User is stable  
fun UserCard(user: User) { Text(user.name) }
```

## 8. How do you create custom layouts in Compose? Explain the Layout composable and the measurement/placement phases.

Custom layouts use the **Layout** composable to manually measure and position children.

## Measurement Phase:

- Receive **Constraints** (min/max width/height)
- Measure each child with **measurable.measure()**
- Calculate layout size based on children

## Placement Phase:

- Use **layout(width, height)** to set size
- Position children with **placeable.place(x, y)**

```
@Composable
```

```

fun CustomColumn(modifier: Modifier = Modifier, content: @Composable () -> Unit) {
    Layout(content, modifier) { measurables, constraints ->
        val placeables = measurables.map { it.measure(constraints) }
        val height = placeables.sumOf { it.height }
        layout(constraints.maxWidth, height) {
            var y = 0
            placeables.forEach { it.place(0, y); y += it.height }
        }
    }
}

```

## 9. What is the difference between `produceState`, `collectAsStateWithLifecycle`, and `collectAsState`? When should each be used?

### State Collection APIs:

**produceState:** Converts any async source (Flow, suspend function) into Compose State. Launches coroutine in composition scope. **collectAsState:** Collects Flow as State. Continues collecting even when app is backgrounded. **collectAsStateWithLifecycle:** Lifecycle-aware Flow collection. Stops when app is in background, preventing unnecessary work.

### Best Practices:

- Use **collectAsStateWithLifecycle** for ViewModels/StateFlows (saves resources)
- Use **produceState** for custom async operations or non-Flow sources
- Use **collectAsState** only when you need collection in background

```
val uiState by viewModel.state.collectAsStateWithLifecycle()
```

```

val data by produceState(initialValue = null) {
    value = repository.fetchData()
}

```

## 10. Explain Modifier semantics and how they enable accessibility in Compose. How do you create custom semantic properties?

**Semantics** provide accessibility information and testing hooks by describing composable meaning to accessibility services.

### Built-in Semantics:

- **contentDescription:** Describes images/icons for screen readers
- **role:** Defines component type (Button, Checkbox, etc.)
- **stateDescription:** Describes current state
- **testTag:** For UI testing identification

### Custom Semantics:

```
val CustomProperty = SemanticsPropertyKey<String>("CustomProp")
```

```

Modifier.semantics {
    contentDescription = "Profile image"
    role = Role.Image
    set(CustomProperty, "custom value")
}.semantics(mergeDescendants = true) {
    // merges child semantics
}

```

## Data Structures and Algorithms

Questions in this section test your understanding of how to work with and manipulate data efficiently.

### 1. How would you implement a Stack data structure in Kotlin for use in Jetpack Compose state management? What's the time complexity?

#### Stack Implementation

A **Stack** follows LIFO (Last In First Out) principle. Here's a clean Kotlin implementation:

```
class Stack {
    private val items = mutableListOf()
    fun push(item: T) = items.add(item)
    fun pop(): T? = if (items.isEmpty()) null else items.removeAt(items.lastIndex)
    fun peek(): T? = items.lastOrNull()
    fun isEmpty() = items.isEmpty()
    fun size() = items.size
}
```

#### Time Complexity:

- push(): O(1) amortized
- pop(): O(1)
- peek(): O(1)
- isEmpty(): O(1)

In Compose, this can be useful for managing navigation back stacks or undo/redo operations in state management.

### 2. Implement an LRU (Least Recently Used) Cache that could be used for caching Compose UI components or data. What data structures would you use?

#### LRU Cache Implementation

An **LRU Cache** requires O(1) for both get and put operations. Use a **HashMap** combined with a **Doubly Linked List**:

```
class LRUCache(private val capacity: Int) {
    private val map = LinkedHashMap(capacity, 0.75f, true)
    fun get(key: K): V? = map[key]
    fun put(key: K, value: V) {
        map[key] = value
        if (map.size > capacity) map.remove(map.keys.first())
    }
}
```

**Time Complexity:** O(1) for both get and put operations.

**Use Case in Compose:** Cache expensive computations, bitmap transformations, or reusable composable states to avoid recomposition overhead.

### 3. How would you find all pairs in an array that sum to a target value? Optimize for Compose's remember calculations.

#### Two Sum / Pair Sum Problem

Use a **HashSet** for O(n) time complexity instead of nested loops O(n<sup>2</sup>):

```
fun findPairs(arr: IntArray, target: Int): List> {
    val seen = mutableSetOf()
```

```

val pairs = mutableListOf<>()
arr.forEach { num ->
    val complement = target - num
    if (complement in seen) pairs.add(Pair(complement, num))
    seen.add(num)
}
return pairs
}

```

**Time Complexity:**  $O(n)$ , **Space Complexity:**  $O(n)$

In Compose, wrap with **remember** to avoid recalculating on every recomposition when the input list hasn't changed.

#### 4. Implement a Trie (Prefix Tree) for autocomplete functionality in a Compose TextField. What are the time complexities?

##### Trie Implementation

A **Trie** is ideal for autocomplete, spell checking, and prefix matching:

```

class TrieNode {
    val children = mutableMapOf<>()
    var isEndOfWord = false
}
class Trie {
    private val root = TrieNode()
    fun insert(word: String) {
        var node = root
        word.forEach { char -> node = node.children.getOrPut(char) { TrieNode() } }
        node.isEndOfWord = true
    }
}

```

**Time Complexity:**

- Insert:  $O(m)$  where  $m$  is word length
- Search:  $O(m)$
- StartsWith:  $O(m)$

**Space Complexity:**  $O(\text{ALPHABET\_SIZE} * m * n)$  where  $n$  is number of words

#### 5. Solve the Sliding Window Maximum problem - finding max in each window of size $k$ . How would this apply to Compose LazyColumn performance?

##### Sliding Window Maximum

Use a **Deque** (Double-ended Queue) to maintain indices of useful elements in  $O(n)$ :

```

fun maxSlidingWindow(nums: IntArray, k: Int): IntArray {
    val deque = ArrayDeque<>()
    val result = mutableListOf<>()
    nums.forEachIndexed { i, num ->
        while (deque.isNotEmpty() && deque.first() < i - k + 1) deque.removeFirst()
        while (deque.isNotEmpty() && nums[deque.last()] < num) deque.removeLast()
        deque.addLast(i)
        if (i >= k - 1) result.add(nums[deque.first()])
    }
    return result.toIntArray()
}

```

**Time Complexity:**  $O(n)$ , each element added/removed once

**Compose Use Case:** Optimize LazyColumn item visibility tracking and viewport calculations.

#### 6. Implement a Min Heap for priority-based task scheduling in Compose. What's the complexity of operations?

##### Min Heap Implementation

A **Min Heap** maintains the minimum element at root, useful for priority queues:

```
class MinHeap {
    private val heap = mutableListOf()
    fun insert(value: Int) {
        heap.add(value)
        heapifyUp(heap.lastIndex)
    }
    fun extractMin(): Int? {
        if (heap.isEmpty()) return null
        val min = heap[0]
        heap[0] = heap.last()
        heap.removeAt(heap.lastIndex)
        heapifyDown(0)
        return min
    }
}
```

#### Time Complexity:

- Insert:  $O(\log n)$
- Extract Min:  $O(\log n)$
- Peek Min:  $O(1)$
- Build Heap:  $O(n)$

Use in Compose for prioritizing recomposition tasks or managing animation queues.

### 7. How would you implement a circular buffer for managing Compose state history (like undo/redo)? What's the advantage?

#### Circular Buffer Implementation

A **Circular Buffer** (Ring Buffer) provides fixed-size FIFO with  $O(1)$  operations:

```
class CircularBuffer(private val capacity: Int) {
    private val buffer = arrayOfNulls(capacity)
    private var head = 0
    private var tail = 0
    private var size = 0
    fun add(item: T) {
        buffer[tail] = item
        tail = (tail + 1) % capacity
        if (size < capacity) size++ else head = (head + 1) % capacity
    }
}
```

**Time Complexity:**  $O(1)$  for add/remove, **Space:**  $O(\text{capacity})$

#### Advantages:

- Fixed memory footprint
- No allocation overhead
- Perfect for state history with bounded memory

Ideal for Compose undo/redo, event buffers, or animation frame queues.

### 8. Implement a Graph adjacency list and perform DFS for detecting cycles in Compose navigation dependencies.

#### Graph DFS for Cycle Detection

Use **adjacency list** representation with DFS and color marking (white/gray/black):

```
class Graph(private val vertices: Int) {
    private val adj = Array(vertices) { mutableListOf() }
    fun addEdge(u: Int, v: Int) { adj[u].add(v) }
    fun hasCycle(): Boolean {
        val visited = IntArray(vertices)
        return (0 until vertices).any { visited[it] == 0 && dfs(it, visited) }
    }
}
```

```

}
private fun dfs(v: Int, visited: IntArray): Boolean {
    visited[v] = 1
    return adj[v].any { visited[it] == 1 || (visited[it] == 0 && dfs(it, visited)) }
        .also { visited[v] = 2 }
}
}

```

**Time Complexity:**  $O(V + E)$

Use this to detect circular dependencies in Compose navigation graphs or side effect chains.

**9. Implement a Binary Search Tree with insert and search operations. How would you use this for efficient Compose key lookups?**

## Binary Search Tree

A **BST** provides  $O(\log n)$  average case for search, insert, and delete:

```

data class Node(val value: Int, var left: Node? = null, var right: Node? = null)
class BST {
    private var root: Node? = null
    fun insert(value: Int) { root = insertRec(root, value) }
    private fun insertRec(node: Node?, value: Int): Node {
        if (node == null) return Node(value)
        if (value < node.value) node.left = insertRec(node.left, value)
        else if (value > node.value) node.right = insertRec(node.right, value)
        return node
    }
}

```

**Time Complexity:**

- Average:  $O(\log n)$  for insert/search/delete
- Worst:  $O(n)$  for skewed tree

**Compose Use:** Efficient key-based composable lookups or managing sorted state collections.

**10. Implement the merge operation of Merge Sort. How does this relate to merging Compose state from multiple sources?**

## Merge Sort - Merge Operation

**Merge Sort** uses divide-and-conquer with  $O(n \log n)$  complexity. The merge operation combines sorted arrays:

```

fun merge(left: IntArray, right: IntArray): IntArray {
    val result = IntArray(left.size + right.size)
    var i = 0; var j = 0; var k = 0
    while (i < left.size && j < right.size) {
        result[k++] = if (left[i] <= right[j]) left[i++] else right[j++]
    }
    while (i < left.size) result[k++] = left[i++]
    while (j < right.size) result[k++] = right[j++]
    return result
}

```

**Time Complexity:**  $O(n + m)$  where  $n, m$  are array sizes

**Compose Application:** Merging multiple StateFlows, combining sorted lists from different data sources, or reconciling UI state from multiple ViewModels efficiently.

## System Design

These questions evaluate your ability to think about the bigger picture, including architecture, scalability, and performance.

### 1. Design a scalable URL shortener service like bit.ly. How would you architect it to handle millions of requests per day?

#### Architecture Overview

A URL shortener requires careful consideration of **scalability, availability, and low latency**.

#### Key Components

- **API Gateway:** Handle incoming requests with rate limiting
- **Application Servers:** Stateless services for URL generation and retrieval
- **Database:** NoSQL (Cassandra/DynamoDB) for high write throughput
- **Cache Layer:** Redis/Memcached for hot URLs (80-20 rule)
- **Load Balancer:** Distribute traffic across app servers

#### URL Generation Strategy

Use **base62 encoding** with a counter or hash approach:

```
fun generateShortUrl(id: Long): String {
    val chars = "0123456789abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyzABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ"
    var num = id
    val result = StringBuilder()
    while (num > 0) {
        result.append(chars[(num % 62).toInt()])
        num /= 62
    }
    return result.reverse().toString()
}
```

#### Database Schema

- **Primary Table:** shortUrl (PK), longUrl, createdAt, expiryDate, userId
- **Index:** On shortUrl for O(1) lookups

#### Scalability Considerations

- **Horizontal Scaling:** Stateless app servers behind load balancer
- **Database Sharding:** Partition by hash of shortUrl
- **CDN:** Cache redirect responses at edge locations
- **Analytics:** Async event stream (Kafka) for click tracking

#### CAP Theorem Trade-off

Favor **Availability and Partition Tolerance (AP)**. Eventual consistency is acceptable for analytics, but redirects require strong consistency.

### 2. Design a real-time chat application supporting millions of concurrent users. What architecture would you propose?

#### System Architecture

A real-time chat system requires **bidirectional communication, message persistence, and presence management**.

## Core Components

- **WebSocket Gateway:** Maintain persistent connections (Socket.io, STOMP)
- **Message Queue:** Kafka/RabbitMQ for reliable message delivery
- **Presence Service:** Redis for online/offline status
- **Message Storage:** Cassandra for message history (time-series data)
- **Media Storage:** S3/CDN for images/videos
- **Push Notification Service:** FCM/APNs for offline users

## Message Flow

```
@Composable
fun ChatScreen(viewModel: ChatViewModel) {
    val messages by viewModel.messages.collectAsState()
    LaunchedEffect(Unit) {
        viewModel.connectWebSocket()
    }
    LazyColumn {
        items(messages) { msg ->
            MessageItem(msg)
        }
    }
}
```

## Scalability Strategy

- **Connection Management:** Distribute WebSocket connections across multiple gateway servers
- **Session Affinity:** Use consistent hashing to route user to same gateway
- **Message Routing:** Pub/Sub pattern with user channels
- **Database Partitioning:** Shard by conversationId or userId

## Consistency Model

Use **eventual consistency** with message ordering guarantees per conversation. Implement vector clocks or Lamport timestamps for conflict resolution.

## Fault Tolerance

- **Message Acknowledgment:** Implement at-least-once delivery with idempotency
- **Connection Recovery:** Auto-reconnect with exponential backoff
- **Message Buffering:** Queue messages when user offline

**3. Design a social media news feed system like Twitter/Instagram. How would you handle feed generation and ranking at scale?**

## Feed Generation Approaches

Two primary strategies exist: **Fan-out-on-write (push)** and **Fan-out-on-read (pull)**.

## Hybrid Architecture

- **Fan-out-on-write:** For users with few followers (<10k)
- **Fan-out-on-read:** For celebrities with millions of followers
- **Mixed approach:** Pre-compute partial feeds, merge at read time

## System Components

- **Post Service:** Handle post creation and storage
- **Fan-out Service:** Distribute posts to follower feeds
- **Feed Service:** Aggregate and rank feed items
- **Cache Layer:** Redis for hot feeds (recent 100 posts)
- **Graph Database:** Neo4j/adjacency list for social graph
- **Ranking Service:** ML-based personalization engine

## Feed Storage Schema

```
// Redis sorted set for timeline
```

```
ZADD user:123:feed timestamp1 post:456
ZADD user:123:feed timestamp2 post:789
```

```
// Retrieve recent feed
ZREVRANGE user:123:feed 0 99
```

## Ranking Algorithm

- **Signals:** Recency, engagement rate, user affinity, content type
- **Scoring:** Weighted combination of features
- **Personalization:** User interaction history and preferences

## Scalability Techniques

- **Feed Materialization:** Pre-compute feeds during low traffic
- **Pagination:** Cursor-based for infinite scroll
- **Cache Warming:** Predictive pre-loading for active users
- **Edge Caching:** CDN for static content

## Consistency Trade-offs

Accept **eventual consistency** for feed updates. Users may see slightly stale data, but system remains highly available.

### 4. Design a distributed rate limiter that can handle 100k requests per second. What algorithms and data structures would you use?

## Rate Limiting Algorithms

Multiple approaches exist, each with different trade-offs:

- **Token Bucket:** Smooth traffic, allows bursts
- **Leaky Bucket:** Constant rate, strict enforcement
- **Fixed Window:** Simple but has boundary issues
- **Sliding Window Log:** Accurate but memory intensive
- **Sliding Window Counter:** Balance of accuracy and efficiency

## Token Bucket Implementation

```
class TokenBucket(val capacity: Long, val refillRate: Long) {
    private var tokens = capacity
    private var lastRefill = System.currentTimeMillis()

    fun allowRequest(): Boolean {
        refill()
        return if (tokens > 0) { tokens--; true } else false
    }
    private fun refill() {
        val now = System.currentTimeMillis()
        tokens += (now - lastRefill) * refillRate / 1000
        tokens = minOf(tokens, capacity)
        lastRefill = now
    }
}
```

## Distributed Architecture

- **Redis-based:** Centralized counter with Lua scripts for atomicity
- **Local + Sync:** Local buckets with periodic synchronization
- **Consistent Hashing:** Partition users across rate limiter nodes

## Redis Implementation

```
// Sliding window counter in Redis
val key = "rate:$userId:${currentMinute}"
val count = redis.incr(key)
redis.expire(key, 60)
if (count > threshold) {
```

```
    return false // Rate limited
}
```

## Scalability Considerations

- **Sharding:** Partition by userId or API key
- **Replication:** Redis Cluster for high availability
- **Edge Rate Limiting:** Apply limits at API Gateway/CDN
- **Hierarchical Limits:** Global, per-user, per-endpoint tiers

## Handling Distributed State

Use **eventual consistency** with acceptable over-limit tolerance. For strict enforcement, use centralized Redis with pipelining to reduce latency.

## 5. Design a video streaming platform like YouTube. How would you handle video upload, transcoding, storage, and adaptive streaming?

### System Architecture

A video platform requires **distributed storage, parallel processing, and CDN delivery**.

### Core Components

- **Upload Service:** Chunked upload with resumability
- **Transcoding Pipeline:** FFmpeg workers for multiple resolutions
- **Object Storage:** S3/GCS for raw and processed videos
- **CDN:** CloudFront/Akamai for global distribution
- **Metadata DB:** PostgreSQL for video metadata
- **Search Service:** Elasticsearch for video discovery

### Upload Flow

```
@Composable
fun VideoUploader(viewModel: UploadViewModel) {
    val progress by viewModel.uploadProgress.collectAsState()

    Button(onClick = { viewModel.uploadChunked() }) {
        Text("Upload Video")
    }
    LinearProgressIndicator(progress = progress)
}
```

### Transcoding Strategy

- **Multiple Resolutions:** 360p, 480p, 720p, 1080p, 4K
- **Adaptive Bitrate:** HLS or DASH protocols
- **Parallel Processing:** Distributed workers (Kubernetes jobs)
- **Priority Queue:** Process popular channels first

### Storage Optimization

- **Tiered Storage:** Hot (SSD), Warm (HDD), Cold (Glacier)
- **Deduplication:** Content-based hashing to avoid duplicates
- **Compression:** H.265/VP9 for better compression ratios

### CDN Strategy

- **Edge Caching:** Cache popular videos at edge locations
- **Origin Shield:** Reduce load on origin servers
- **Geo-routing:** Serve from nearest location
- **Prefetching:** Predictive loading of next segments

### Scalability

Use **microservices architecture** with event-driven processing (Kafka). Transcode jobs are idempotent and can be retried. Apply backpressure when transcoding queue is full.

**6. Design a distributed cache system like Redis or Memcached. What eviction policies, replication strategies, and consistency models would you implement?**

## Cache Architecture

A distributed cache must balance **performance, consistency, and availability**.

### Core Components

- **Cache Nodes:** In-memory key-value stores
- **Consistent Hashing:** Distribute keys across nodes
- **Replication Manager:** Handle data redundancy
- **Client Library:** Smart routing and failover

### Eviction Policies

- **LRU (Least Recently Used):** Evict oldest accessed items
- **LFU (Least Frequently Used):** Evict least popular items
- **TTL (Time To Live):** Expire after time period
- **Random:** Simple but less optimal

### LRU Implementation

```
class LRUCache(val capacity: Int) {
    private val cache = LinkedHashMap(capacity, 0.75f, true)

    fun get(key: K): V? = cache[key]

    fun put(key: K, value: V) {
        if (cache.size >= capacity && !cache.containsKey(key)) {
            cache.remove(cache.keys.first())
        }
        cache[key] = value
    }
}
```

### Replication Strategies

- **Master-Slave:** Write to master, read from replicas
- **Multi-Master:** Accept writes on any node (conflict resolution needed)
- **Quorum-based:** Require majority consensus for writes

### Consistency Models

- **Strong Consistency:** Synchronous replication (high latency)
- **Eventual Consistency:** Async replication (better performance)
- **Read-Your-Writes:** User sees their own updates immediately

### Partitioning Strategy

Use **consistent hashing with virtual nodes** to minimize data movement when nodes are added/removed. Each physical node manages multiple virtual nodes for better distribution.

### Failure Handling

- **Health Checks:** Periodic heartbeats to detect failures
- **Automatic Failover:** Promote replica to master
- **Data Recovery:** Rebuild from replicas or persistent snapshots

**7. Design a ride-sharing application like Uber. How would you handle real-time driver matching, location tracking, and surge pricing?**

## System Architecture

A ride-sharing platform requires **geospatial indexing, real-time matching, and dynamic pricing**.

## Core Services

- **Location Service:** Track driver/rider positions in real-time
- **Matching Service:** Find optimal driver-rider pairs
- **Pricing Service:** Calculate fares with surge multipliers
- **Trip Service:** Manage ride lifecycle
- **Payment Service:** Handle transactions
- **Notification Service:** Real-time updates via WebSocket/FCM

## Geospatial Indexing

Use **Geohash** or **S2 geometry** for efficient proximity searches:

```
// Store driver locations in Redis with geospatial index
GEOADD drivers:online lng lat driverId
```

```
// Find nearby drivers within 5km
GEORADIUS drivers:online userLng userLat 5 km
  WITHDIST COUNT 10 ASC
```

## Matching Algorithm

- **Proximity-based:** Find nearest available drivers
- **ETA Calculation:** Consider traffic and route distance
- **Driver Rating:** Prefer higher-rated drivers
- **Acceptance Rate:** Prioritize reliable drivers

## Real-time Location Updates

```
@Composable
fun DriverTracker(viewModel: TripViewModel) {
    val driverLocation by viewModel.driverLocation.collectAsState()

    LaunchedEffect(Unit) {
        viewModel.subscribeToDriverLocation()
    }
    GoogleMap(cameraPositionState = rememberCameraPositionState()) {
        Marker(position = driverLocation)
    }
}
```

## Surge Pricing

- **Supply-Demand Ratio:** Calculate riders/drivers in area
- **Historical Patterns:** Predict high-demand periods
- **Dynamic Multiplier:** Apply 1.5x to 3x based on demand
- **Geofencing:** Different pricing for different zones

## Scalability

- **Sharding:** Partition by geographic regions (city/zone)
- **Event Streaming:** Kafka for location updates
- **Cache Layer:** Redis for active trips and driver states
- **Database:** Cassandra for trip history, PostgreSQL for transactions

**8. Design a distributed task scheduler like Airflow or Kubernetes CronJobs. How would you ensure reliability, exactly-once execution, and handle failures?**

## System Architecture

A task scheduler requires **distributed coordination, fault tolerance, and execution guarantees**.

## Core Components

- **Scheduler Service:** Determine when tasks should run
- **Executor Service:** Execute tasks on worker nodes

- **Coordinator:** ZooKeeper/etcd for leader election
- **Metadata Store:** PostgreSQL for task definitions and state
- **Queue:** RabbitMQ/SQS for task distribution
- **Monitoring:** Track execution metrics and failures

## Task Definition

```
data class Task(
    val id: String,
    val schedule: String, // Cron expression
    val executor: TaskExecutor,
    val retryPolicy: RetryPolicy,
    val timeout: Duration
)

interface TaskExecutor {
    suspend fun execute(context: TaskContext): Result
}
```

## Execution Guarantees

- **Exactly-Once:** Idempotency keys + distributed locks
- **At-Least-Once:** Retry with exponential backoff
- **At-Most-Once:** No retries, fail fast

## Distributed Locking

Use **Redis or ZooKeeper** for distributed locks to prevent duplicate execution:

```
fun acquireLock(taskId: String): Boolean {
    val lockKey = "lock:$taskId"
    return redis.set(lockKey, "locked",
        SetArgs().nx().ex(300)) == "OK"
}

fun releaseLock(taskId: String) {
    redis.del("lock:$taskId")
}
```

## Failure Handling

- **Dead Letter Queue:** Move failed tasks after max retries
- **Circuit Breaker:** Pause scheduling if too many failures
- **Checkpointing:** Save intermediate state for long-running tasks
- **Graceful Shutdown:** Drain tasks before node termination

## Scalability

- **Horizontal Scaling:** Add more worker nodes
- **Task Partitioning:** Distribute by task type or priority
- **Leader Election:** Single scheduler with hot standby

## Monitoring

Track **execution latency, success rate, queue depth**, and set alerts for anomalies.

**9. Design a notification system that supports push notifications, emails, and SMS at scale. How would you handle delivery guarantees and user preferences?**

## System Architecture

A notification system must support **multiple channels, delivery tracking, and user preferences**.

## Core Components

- **API Gateway:** Accept notification requests
- **Routing Service:** Determine delivery channels based on preferences

- **Channel Services:** FCM/APNs (push), SendGrid (email), Twilio (SMS)
- **Queue:** Kafka for buffering and ordering
- **Preference Store:** Redis/PostgreSQL for user settings
- **Delivery Tracker:** Record delivery status and metrics

## Notification Model

```
data class Notification(
    val userId: String,
    val title: String,
    val body: String,
    val channels: Set,
    val priority: Priority,
    val metadata: Map
)
```

```
enum class Channel { PUSH, EMAIL, SMS, IN_APP }
```

## Routing Logic

- **User Preferences:** Check opt-in/opt-out per channel
- **Quiet Hours:** Respect do-not-disturb settings
- **Fallback Chain:** Try push → email → SMS
- **Deduplication:** Avoid sending duplicate notifications

## Delivery Guarantees

- **At-Least-Once:** Retry failed deliveries with exponential backoff
- **Idempotency:** Use notification ID to prevent duplicates
- **Acknowledgment:** Track delivery confirmation from providers

## Priority Handling

```
sealed class Priority(val queueName: String) {
    object Critical : Priority("notifications.critical")
    object High : Priority("notifications.high")
    object Normal : Priority("notifications.normal")
    object Low : Priority("notifications.low")
}
```

## Scalability

- **Message Queue:** Kafka partitions by userId for ordering
- **Worker Pools:** Separate workers per channel
- **Rate Limiting:** Respect provider limits (FCM, Twilio)
- **Batching:** Group emails/SMS for cost efficiency

## Analytics

Track **delivery rate**, **open rate**, **click-through rate**, and user engagement metrics for optimization.

**10. Design a search autocomplete system like Google Search. How would you handle prefix matching, ranking, and real-time updates at scale?**

## System Architecture

Autocomplete requires **fast prefix matching**, **relevance ranking**, and **personalization**.

## Core Components

- **API Service:** Handle autocomplete queries
- **Trie/Prefix Tree:** Efficient prefix matching data structure
- **Cache Layer:** Redis for popular queries
- **Analytics Service:** Track query frequency and trends
- **Personalization Engine:** User history and preferences
- **Update Pipeline:** Kafka for real-time index updates

## Trie Implementation

```
class TrieNode {
    val children = mutableMapOf()
    var isEndOfWord = false
    var frequency = 0
    val suggestions = mutableListOf()
}

fun insert(word: String, freq: Int) {
    var node = root
    for (char in word) {
        node = node.children.getOrPut(char) { TrieNode() }
    }
    node.isEndOfWord = true
    node.frequency = freq
}
```

## Ranking Factors

- **Query Frequency:** Popular searches rank higher
- **Recency:** Trending topics get boosted
- **Personalization:** User's search history
- **Location:** Geo-specific suggestions
- **Typo Tolerance:** Fuzzy matching with edit distance

## Caching Strategy

- **L1 Cache:** In-memory LRU cache per server
- **L2 Cache:** Redis for shared cache across servers
- **Cache Key:** Prefix + language + location
- **TTL:** Short TTL (5-10 min) for trending queries

## Optimization Techniques

- **Pre-computation:** Store top-k suggestions per prefix
- **Compression:** Use prefix compression in trie
- **Sharding:** Partition trie by first character or hash
- **Approximate Matching:** Use BK-trees for typo correction

## Real-time Updates

Use **event streaming (Kafka)** to process query logs. Update trie asynchronously with batch inserts. Apply incremental updates to avoid full rebuilds.

## Scalability

Replicate trie across multiple servers. Use **consistent hashing** to distribute queries. Apply rate limiting per user to prevent abuse.

## Coding and Debugging

This section presents practical coding challenges and questions about debugging techniques.

### 1. How do you create a custom reusable composable that accepts a lambda with receiver for content configuration?

#### Custom Composable with Lambda Receiver

Use a lambda with receiver to provide a scoped DSL-like API for configuring composables:

```
@Composable
fun CustomCard(
    modifier: Modifier = Modifier,
    content: @Composable ColumnScope.() -> Unit
) {
    Card(modifier = modifier) {
        Column(content = content)
    }
}
```

#### Key points:

- **ColumnScope** as receiver allows using Column-specific modifiers like `weight()` inside the lambda
- Provides better API ergonomics and type safety
- Commonly used in Material components like `Scaffold`, `LazyColumn`, etc.

### 2. Debug this Compose code: Why does the counter not update when clicked?

#### Debugging State Management

Problem code:

```
@Composable
fun Counter() {
    var count = 0
    Button(onClick = { count++ }) {
        Text("Count: $count")
    }
}
```

**Issue:** Using regular variable instead of state. Compose doesn't track changes to regular variables.

#### Fix:

```
@Composable
fun Counter() {
    var count by remember { mutableStateOf(0) }
    Button(onClick = { count++ }) {
        Text("Count: $count")
    }
}
```

#### Key debugging tips:

- Use **Layout Inspector** to verify recomposition
- Enable **Recomposition Highlighting** in developer options
- Check if state is properly hoisted or remembered

### 3. Write a composable that efficiently handles a list transformation without unnecessary recompositions.

## Efficient List Transformation

Use **derivedStateOf** to avoid recomposing when intermediate calculations don't change:

```
@Composable
fun FilteredList(items: List, query: String) {
    val filtered by remember(items, query) {
        derivedStateOf {
            items.filter { it.contains(query, true) }
        }
    }
    LazyColumn {
        items(filtered) { item ->
            Text(item)
        }
    }
}
```

### Benefits:

- **derivedStateOf** only triggers recomposition when the result changes
- **remember** with keys ensures recalculation only when dependencies change
- Prevents unnecessary filtering operations during unrelated recompositions

## 4. How do you profile and detect memory leaks in Jetpack Compose applications?

### Memory Profiling in Compose

#### Tools and Techniques:

- **Android Studio Profiler:** Monitor memory allocation and track object lifecycles
- **LeakCanary:** Automatically detect memory leaks in development builds
- **Composition Tracing:** Use Layout Inspector to identify retained compositions

#### Common leak sources:

- Capturing Activity/Context in remembered lambdas
- Not disposing DisposableEffect properly
- Long-lived ViewModel references to composables
- Coroutines not cancelled in DisposableEffect

#### Example fix:

```
@Composable
fun SafeEffect(context: Context) {
    DisposableEffect(Unit) {
        val appContext = context.applicationContext
        onDispose { /* cleanup */ }
    }
}
```

## 5. Implement a custom remember function that caches based on multiple keys and explain when it recalculates.

### Custom Remember with Multiple Keys

```
@Composable
fun rememberComputed(
    key1: Any?,
    key2: Any?,
    calculation: () -> T
): T {
    return remember(key1, key2) {
        calculation()
    }
}
```

#### Usage example:

```
val result = rememberComputed(userId, timestamp) {
    expensiveCalculation(userId, timestamp)
}
```

### Recalculation behavior:

- Recalculates when **any key changes** (structural equality check)
- Keys use **equals()** comparison, not referential equality
- Passing **null** as a key is valid and compared normally
- Use **remember** without keys to cache for entire composition lifecycle

## 6. How do you handle exceptions in LaunchedEffect and prevent crashes while maintaining proper error states?

### Exception Handling in LaunchedEffect

```
@Composable
fun DataLoader(viewModel: VM) {
    var error by remember { mutableStateOf(null) }
    LaunchedEffect(Unit) {
        try {
            viewModel.loadData()
        } catch (e: Exception) {
            error = e.message
        }
    }
    error?.let { ErrorView(it) }
}
```

### Advanced pattern with CoroutineExceptionHandler:

```
val handler = CoroutineExceptionHandler { _, ex ->
    errorState.value = ex.message
}
LaunchedEffect(Unit) {
    withContext(handler) { riskyOperation() }
}
```

### Best practices:

- Always wrap suspending calls in try-catch
- Use **CoroutineExceptionHandler** for global error handling
- Store error state and display appropriate UI
- Consider using **Result** or sealed classes for error modeling

## 7. Write a composable that implements a debounced search input without triggering API calls on every keystroke.

### Debounced Search Implementation

```
@Composable
fun DebouncedSearch(onSearch: (String) -> Unit) {
    var query by remember { mutableStateOf("") }
    TextField(value = query, onValueChange = { query = it })

    LaunchedEffect(query) {
        delay(300)
        onSearch(query)
    }
}
```

### How it works:

- **LaunchedEffect(query)** cancels previous coroutine when query changes
- **delay(300)** waits 300ms before executing search
- Typing rapidly cancels pending searches, only last one executes
- Each keystroke restarts the timer

### Alternative with snapshotFlow:

```
LaunchedEffect(Unit) {
    snapshotFlow { query }
        .debounce(300)
        .collect { onSearch(it) }
}
```

## 8. Debug this: Why does DisposableEffect run on every recomposition instead of just once?

### DisposableEffect Key Issue

Problem code:

```
@Composable
fun Tracker(user: User) {
    DisposableEffect(user) {
        analytics.track(user)
        onDispose { analytics.untrack() }
    }
}
```

**Issue:** If **User** is a data class that changes frequently or doesn't override equals(), the effect runs on every recomposition.

### Fix - use stable key:

```
DisposableEffect(user.id) {
    analytics.track(user.id)
    onDispose { analytics.untrack() }
}
```

### Debugging approach:

- Check if key object has proper **equals()** implementation
- Use **@Stable** or **@Immutable** annotations on data classes
- Extract only stable primitive keys (ID, String, Int)
- Add logging in effect block to verify execution frequency

## 9. How do you implement a custom Modifier that intercepts and logs all touch events for debugging?

### Custom Touch Logging Modifier

```
fun Modifier.touchLogger(tag: String) = this.pointerInput(Unit) {
    awaitPointerEventScope {
        while (true) {
            val event = awaitPointerEvent()
            Log.d(tag, "Touch: ${event.type} at ${event.changes.first().position}")
        }
    }
}
```

### Usage:

```
Box(
    modifier = Modifier
        .touchLogger("MyButton")
        .clickable { /* action */ }
) { Text("Click me") }
```

### Key concepts:

- **pointerInput** creates a suspend coroutine scope for gesture detection
- **awaitPointerEventScope** provides access to raw pointer events
- Useful for debugging complex gesture interactions
- Can be combined with other modifiers in chain

## 10. Explain how to use SideEffect and provide a real-world scenario where it's necessary instead of LaunchedEffect.

## SideEffect vs LaunchedEffect

**SideEffect** runs after every successful recomposition, not in a coroutine scope:

```
@Composable
fun AnalyticsScreen(screenName: String) {
    SideEffect {
        analytics.setCurrentScreen(screenName)
    }
}
```

### When to use SideEffect:

- Updating non-Compose state after successful composition
- Synchronizing with external state management systems
- Publishing values to non-compose observers
- No need for coroutines or suspension

### LaunchedEffect use case:

- Requires **suspend functions** or coroutine scope
- One-time initialization or keyed effects
- Async operations like network calls

**Critical difference:** SideEffect runs on every recomposition; LaunchedEffect only when keys change.

## Behavioral Questions

These questions assess your soft skills, problem-solving approach, and how you work in a team.

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### 1. Tell me about a time when you migrated a large legacy Android View-based UI to Jetpack Compose. What challenges did you face?

**Situation:** I was working on a mature e-commerce app with over 150 screens built entirely with XML layouts and custom views. The company wanted to modernize the codebase using Jetpack Compose.

**Task:** My responsibility was to lead the migration strategy while ensuring zero disruption to ongoing feature development and maintaining app stability.

**Action:** I implemented an incremental migration approach using **ComposeView** and **AndroidView** for interoperability. I created reusable Compose components for our design system, established coding standards, and trained the team through workshops. I prioritized migrating new features first, then high-traffic screens. I also set up performance benchmarks to ensure Compose screens matched or exceeded View performance.

**Result:** Over 6 months, we successfully migrated 40% of screens with a 25% reduction in UI code and improved development velocity by 30%. User satisfaction scores remained stable, and we experienced no major production incidents related to the migration.

### 2. Describe a situation where you had to optimize the performance of a Jetpack Compose screen that was experiencing significant lag or frame drops.

**Situation:** Our product listing screen with infinite scroll was experiencing severe frame drops (dropping to 35 FPS) when users scrolled quickly through hundreds of items with images and complex layouts.

**Task:** I needed to identify the performance bottlenecks and optimize the screen to achieve consistent 60 FPS scrolling.

**Action:** I used the **Layout Inspector** and **Composition tracing** to identify issues. I discovered excessive recompositions due to unstable lambdas and improper key usage in **LazyColumn**. I implemented several optimizations: added **remember** and **derivedStateOf** for expensive calculations, used **key()** properly in **LazyColumn** items, moved state hoisting to reduce recomposition scope, implemented **Modifier.drawWithCache** for custom drawing, and used **AsyncImage** with proper caching for images.

**Result:** The optimizations reduced recompositions by 70% and achieved consistent 60 FPS scrolling. The screen's time-to-interactive improved by 40%, and user engagement metrics increased by 15% due to the smoother experience.

### 3. Can you share an example of when you had to implement a complex custom layout or animation in Jetpack Compose that wasn't straightforward?

**Situation:** Our design team created a complex collapsing toolbar with parallax effects, multiple overlapping elements, and gesture-based animations that needed to work seamlessly with a scrollable content area.

**Task:** I was tasked with implementing this custom design in Compose while ensuring smooth 60 FPS animations and proper state management.

**Action:** I used **Modifier.nestedScroll** to intercept scroll events and coordinate between the toolbar and content. I created a custom layout using **Layout composable** to precisely position overlapping elements based on scroll offset. For animations, I used **animateFloatAsState** with custom **AnimationSpec** and implemented gesture handling with **Modifier.pointerInput**. I also created a custom **NestedScrollConnection** to manage the scroll behavior.

**Result:** The implementation matched the design perfectly and performed smoothly across all devices. The solution became reusable across three other screens, saving the team approximately 2

weeks of development time. The approach was documented and became part of our component library.

#### **4. Tell me about a time when you had to debug a difficult state management issue in a Compose application.**

**Situation:** We had a multi-step checkout flow where users reported that their form data was randomly disappearing when navigating between steps, but the issue was intermittent and hard to reproduce.

**Task:** I needed to identify the root cause of the state loss and implement a robust solution that would prevent data loss across configuration changes and process death.

**Action:** I used **Layout Inspector** to examine the composition tree and discovered that state was being lost during recomposition due to improper use of **remember** without keys. I also found that the ViewModel wasn't properly handling **SavedStateHandle**. I refactored the solution using **rememberSaveable** with custom **Saver** implementations for complex objects, moved business logic to ViewModel, implemented **SavedStateHandle** for process death scenarios, and added comprehensive logging to track state changes. I also wrote instrumented tests to verify state persistence.

**Result:** The issue was completely resolved with zero reports of data loss after deployment. The solution improved our checkout completion rate by 8% as users no longer lost their progress. The pattern was adopted team-wide for all form-based flows.

#### **5. Describe a situation where you had to make a technical decision between different Compose approaches or patterns, and how you justified your choice.**

**Situation:** Our team was debating whether to use **MVI with unidirectional data flow** or **MVVM with two-way binding** for state management in our new Compose-based feature set. The decision would impact the entire architecture.

**Task:** As the technical lead, I needed to evaluate both approaches and make a justified recommendation that would serve the team's needs for the next 2-3 years.

**Action:** I created proof-of-concept implementations of both patterns for a representative feature. I evaluated them based on: testability, scalability, learning curve, debugging complexity, and performance. I conducted a spike with metrics on recomposition counts, code maintainability, and team feedback. I presented findings showing that **MVI with sealed classes for events and states** provided better predictability, easier testing, and clearer debugging, despite a slightly steeper learning curve.

**Result:** The team adopted MVI, and I created comprehensive documentation and templates. After 6 months, our bug rate decreased by 35%, test coverage increased to 85%, and new team members reported high confidence in understanding data flow. The decision proved valuable during code reviews and debugging sessions.

#### **6. Tell me about a time when you had to balance technical debt with feature delivery in a Compose project.**

**Situation:** While rapidly developing new features in Compose, our codebase accumulated significant technical debt: duplicated composables, inconsistent theming, poor state management patterns, and no shared component library. Meanwhile, product was pushing for aggressive feature timelines.

**Task:** I needed to address the growing technical debt without derailing feature delivery commitments.

**Action:** I proposed a **20% time allocation** strategy where each sprint dedicated 20% capacity to technical improvements. I identified high-impact refactoring opportunities: created a shared design system with reusable composables, established coding standards and lint rules, implemented a component catalog using **@Preview** annotations, and refactored the most duplicated patterns. I tracked metrics like code duplication percentage and build times to demonstrate value. I also paired junior developers with seniors during refactoring to upskill the team.

**Result:** Over 4 months, we reduced code duplication by 45%, improved build times by 20%, and actually increased feature velocity by 15% due to reusable components. The component library became the foundation for faster development, and technical debt stopped accumulating.

## 7. Can you describe a time when you had to mentor or help team members learn Jetpack Compose?

**Situation:** Our Android team of 8 developers had extensive experience with XML Views but zero Compose experience when the company decided to adopt Compose for all new development.

**Task:** As one of the few developers with Compose experience, I was asked to lead the team's upskilling while maintaining our delivery commitments.

**Action:** I developed a structured learning program: conducted weekly 1-hour workshops covering core concepts (composition, recomposition, state management, side effects), created a sample app repository with best practices and common patterns, established pair programming sessions for hands-on learning, set up code review guidelines specific to Compose, and created internal documentation with common pitfalls and solutions. I also encouraged team members to present learnings in tech talks, reinforcing their knowledge.

**Result:** Within 3 months, all team members were confidently building Compose UIs independently. The team's PR cycle time decreased by 25% as developers became proficient. Two team members became Compose advocates and started contributing to our internal component library. The learning resources were adopted by two other teams in the organization.

## 8. Tell me about a time when you had to handle a production issue related to Jetpack Compose.

**Situation:** We received urgent reports that our app was crashing on specific Samsung devices (Android 12) after a recent release. The crash logs pointed to a Compose-related exception in our navigation implementation, affecting approximately 8% of our user base.

**Task:** I needed to quickly identify the root cause, implement a fix, and push a hotfix release within 24 hours to minimize user impact.

**Action:** I immediately reproduced the issue on a Samsung test device and analyzed the crash stack trace. The issue was caused by a **race condition in NavHost** where rapid navigation triggered during a configuration change led to an illegal state. I implemented a fix using **LaunchedEffect** with proper cancellation and added navigation guards to prevent duplicate navigation events. I wrote regression tests, validated the fix on multiple Samsung devices, and coordinated with QA for expedited testing. I also added comprehensive crash reporting to catch similar issues earlier.

**Result:** The hotfix was deployed within 18 hours, and crash rates dropped to baseline within 6 hours of release. I documented the issue and solution in our knowledge base, preventing similar problems in future. The incident led to implementing better device-specific testing in our CI/CD pipeline.

## 9. Describe a situation where you had to integrate Jetpack Compose with existing Android architecture components or third-party libraries.

**Situation:** Our app heavily used **RxJava** for reactive streams, **Dagger** for dependency injection, and **Navigation Component** for navigation. When adopting Compose, we needed to ensure seamless integration without rewriting the entire architecture.

**Task:** I was responsible for creating integration patterns that would allow Compose to work harmoniously with our existing tech stack while planning for gradual modernization.

**Action:** I created extension functions to convert RxJava streams to Compose State using **produceState**, implemented custom **CompositionLocal** providers for Dagger dependencies, integrated **Navigation Compose** with our existing Navigation Component graphs using **NavHost**, and created wrapper composables for existing custom views using **AndroidView**. I documented all integration patterns with examples and created reusable utilities in a shared module. I also set up a migration path to gradually replace RxJava with **Flow** and StateFlow.

**Result:** The integration was seamless, allowing the team to build new Compose screens without architectural friction. Development velocity remained stable during the transition. The integration patterns were used successfully across 50+ screens, and we gradually migrated 30% of RxJava usage to Flow over the next year.

## 10. Tell me about a time when you had to advocate for adopting Jetpack Compose or convince stakeholders of its value.

**Situation:** Our organization was hesitant to adopt Jetpack Compose due to concerns about stability, learning curve, migration costs, and potential risks to delivery timelines. Management wanted to

continue with XML Views.

**Task:** I needed to build a compelling business case for Compose adoption that addressed stakeholder concerns and demonstrated clear value.

**Action:** I conducted a comprehensive analysis: built a proof-of-concept comparing development time between Views and Compose for identical features (Compose was 40% faster), analyzed long-term maintenance costs and developer productivity gains, created a risk-mitigation plan with incremental adoption strategy, benchmarked performance to prove Compose met our standards, and surveyed the team showing high interest in learning Compose. I presented data-driven findings to leadership with a phased adoption plan: new features only, no forced migration of existing screens, dedicated training time, and clear success metrics.

**Result:** Leadership approved a pilot program for Compose adoption. After 6 months, we demonstrated 35% faster UI development, 50% fewer UI-related bugs, and improved developer satisfaction scores. Compose became the standard for all new development, and the company invested in comprehensive training for all Android developers.

