

**FROM REACT TO  
JETPACK COMPOSE**

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## AGENDA

- What, Why, When
- React Mindset
- Thinking in Compose
- Thinking in React
- Applying React to Compose
- Conclusions



**WHAT**

## WHAT IS JETPACK COMPOSE

- Jetpack Compose is a modern toolkit for building native Android UI.
- Built on Kotlin
- Declarative programming model
- You declare the layout/ look and feel
- As State Changes your UI automatically updates
- Recomposition - Algorithm
- And then there's Android Studio



# WHAT IS JETPACK COMPOSE - GET STARTED



# DOWNLOAD THE CANARY!



**WHY**

## WHY JETPACK COMPOSE

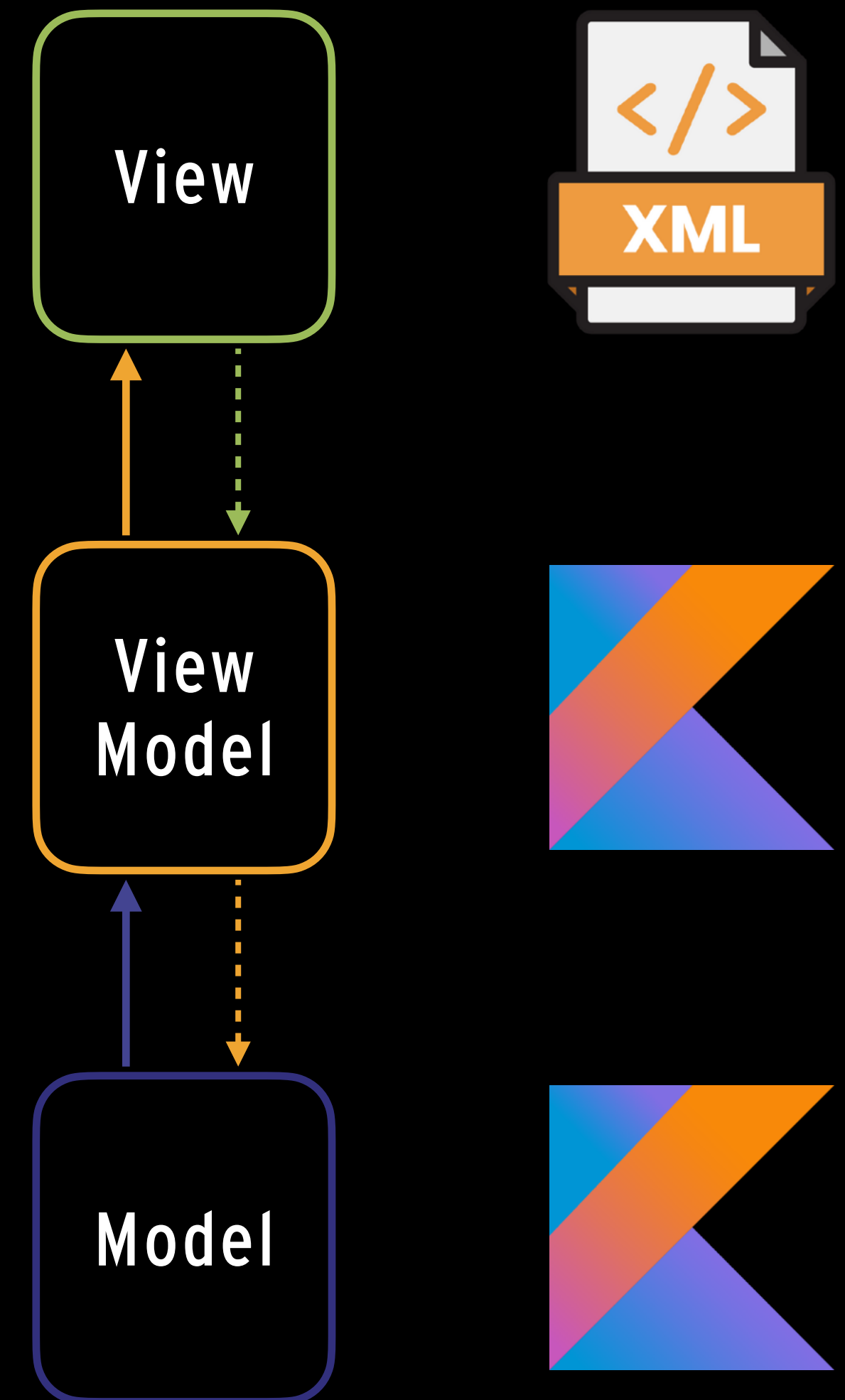
- React!
- Challenge React Native
- Declarative UI
- Faster iterations
- Improved Testability
- Improved Code Reasonability
- Minimise complexity and cost of change
- Draw from a huge community of React developers





## WHY JETPACK COMPOSE - MVVM

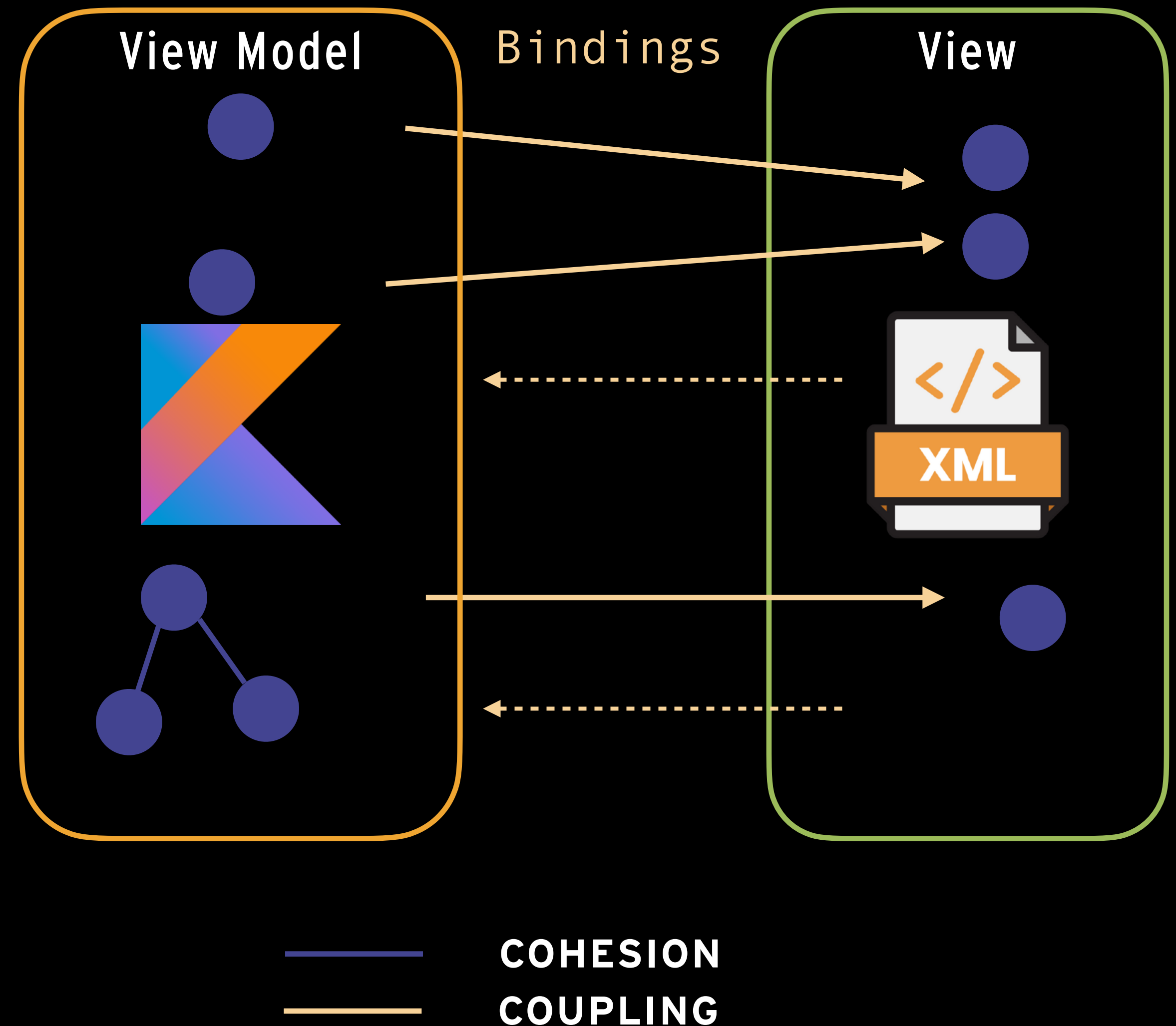
- - View - XML
  - UI of the application, observes data from the View Model
- View Model - Kotlin
  - Link between the View and the model.
- Model - Kotlin
  - Data of the application, can't talk directly to a view



## TWO WAY DATA BINDINGS

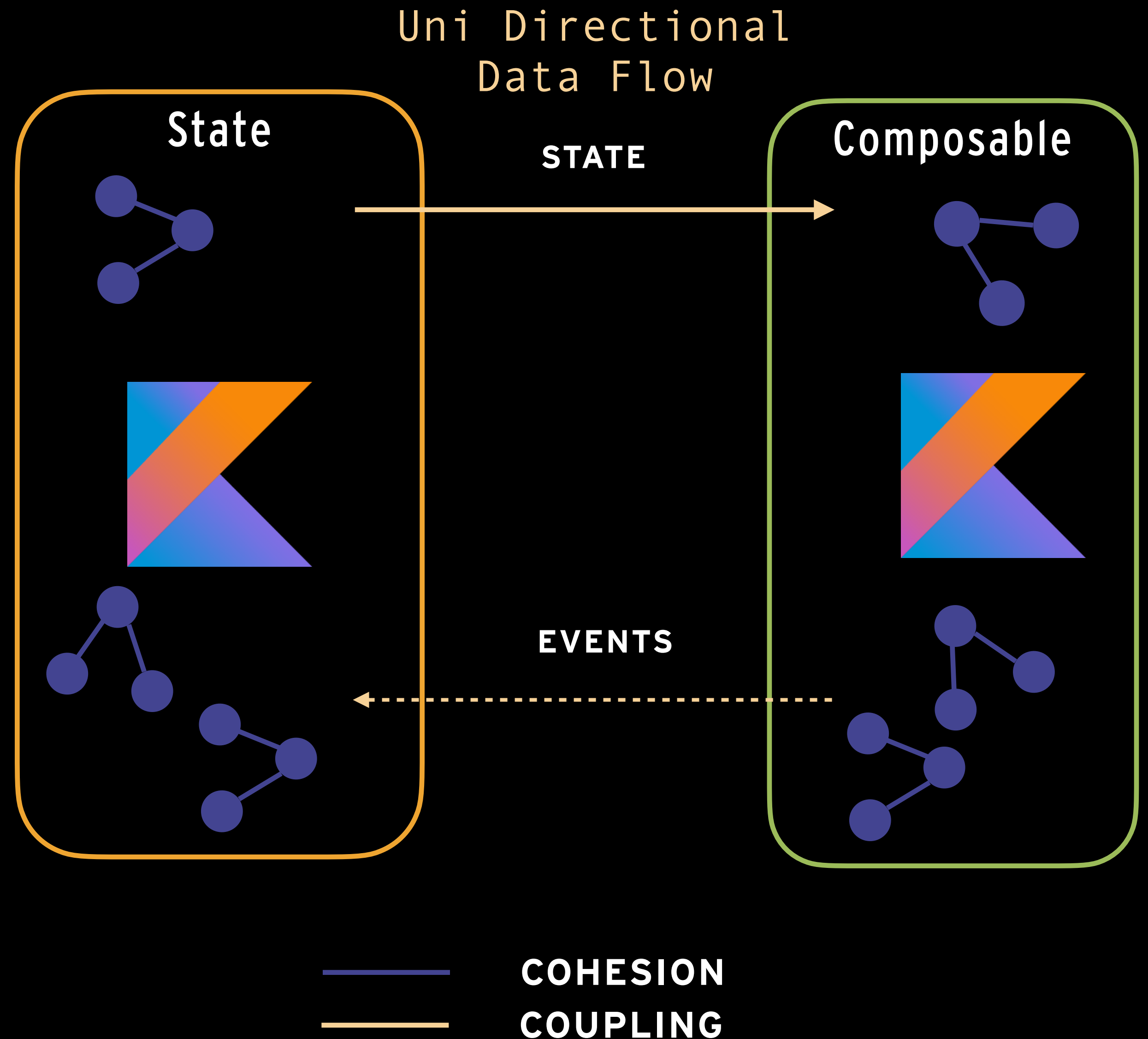
## WHY - COUPLING / COHESION

- Coupling
- Cohesion
- Goal is for low *coupling* and high *cohesion*



# WHY - LOW COUPLING, HIGH COHESION

- Increased Cohesion
- Logic in the Composable
- Theming in the Composable
- Leads to :
  - Code Clarity
  - Testability
  - Faster iterations
  - Minimise complexity and cost of change



**SEPERATION WAS AN ILLUSION ...**

**WHEN**

## WHEN - 2018

- Jetpack launched at Googles 2018 I/O Developer conference
- Jetpack Compose launched at Googles 2019 I/O Developer conference
- Alphas appeared in 2020 now on 1.0.0-alpha09
  - Version 1.0.0-alpha09 - December 16, 2020
  - Version 1.0.0-alpha08 - December 2, 2020
  - Version 1.0.0-alpha07 - November 11, 2020
  - Version 1.0.0-alpha01 - August 26, 2020
  - Version 0.1.0-dev15 - July 22, 2020

<https://developer.android.com/jetpack/androidx/releases/compose-animation#1.0.0-alpha09>

## WHEN - 2018 - LELAND RICHARDSON



With high comply times in the existing native codebases you always need to write hundreds of lines of code before you can press "built". React Native enables an entirely different style of development where you get really quick feedback and this is very powerful.

LELAND RICHARDSON, AIRBNB

- React Native, Air BnB
- Creator of Enzyme
- Hugely popular and influential in the React Community
- Left Air BnB pretty much when they decided to ditch react native and started at Google
- Driving force behind JetPack compose
- Main link between Compose and React

[mindk - the-best-react-native-apps](#)

# REACT MINDSET

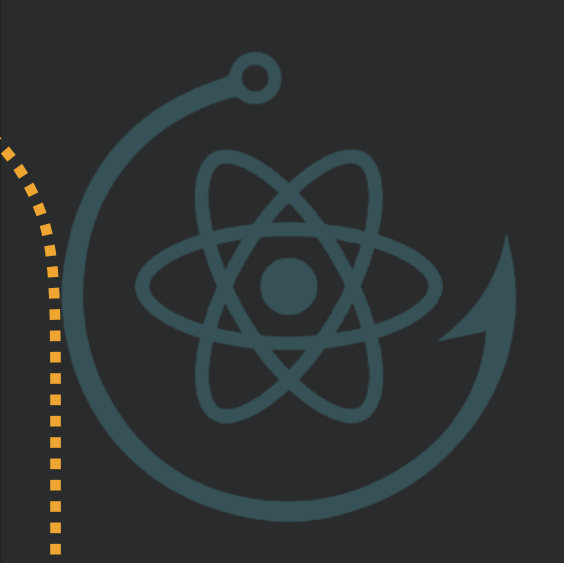


# REACT MINDSET



STYLING

```
const Counter: React.FC<ICounter> = ({ id }) => {  
  const [count, setCount] = useState(0);  
  useEffect(() => {  
    if (count > 5) {  
      setCount(0);  
    }  
  }, [count]);  
  return (  
    <Button  
      onPress={() => setCount(count + 1)}  
      testID={ `counter-${id}` }  
      styles={{ backgroundColor: colors[count] }}  
    >  
      Counter : {count}  
    </Button>  
  );  
};
```



EFFECTS

STATE

UI IS A VISUAL REPRESENTATION OF STATE

# THINKING IN COMPOSE

UI IS A VISUAL REPRESENTATION OF STATE

# COMPOSE MINDSET

- Declarative
- Preview
  - Interact
- Composable Functions
- Data Down, Events Up
- Dynamic Content / Logic
- Recomposition

```
@Composable
fun CounterButton(id: String, modifier: Modifier = Modifier) {
    val (count, setCount) = remember { mutableStateOf(0) }
    Row(
        modifier = modifier.padding(4.dp)
    ) {
        OutlinedButton(
            onClick = { setCount(count + 1) },
            border = BorderStroke(1.dp, MaterialTheme.colors.primary),
            shape = RoundedCornerShape(50),
            modifier = modifier.semantics { testTag = "Counter-$id" }
        ) {
            Text(text = "Count : $count")
        }
    }
}
```

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    }
}
```

*PREVIEW*



## COMPOSE MINDSET

- Declarative
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```
@Composable
fun CounterButtons(modifier: Modifier = Modifier) {
    Row(modifier = modifier
        .background(
            color = MaterialTheme.colors.surface)) {
        CounterButton(id = "1")
        CounterButton(id = "2")
        CounterButton(id = "3")
    }
}
```

```
@Preview
@Composable
fun CounterButtonsPreview() {
    CounterButtons()
}
```

CounterButtonsPreview

Count : 0

Count : 0

Count : 0

# COMPOSE MINDSET

- Declarative
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- Data Down, Events Up
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- Recomposition

```
@Composable
fun Counters(modifier: Modifier = Modifier) {
    val (count1, setCount1) = remember { mutableStateOf(0) }
    Row() {
        Counter(id = "1", count = count1, setCount = setCount1)
        Counter(id = "2", count = count1, setCount = setCount1)
        Counter(id = "3", count = count1, setCount = setCount1)
    }
}

@Composable
fun Counter(id: String, count: Int, setCount: (count: Int) -> Unit, modifier: Modifier = Modifier) {
    Row(
        modifier =
            modifier.padding(4.dp).background(color = MaterialTheme.colors.surface).padding(8.dp)
    ) {
        OutlinedButton(
            onClick = { setCount(count + 1) },
            border = BorderStroke(1.dp, MaterialTheme.colors.primary),
            shape = RoundedCornerShape(50), //50% percent,
            modifier = modifier.semantics { testTag = "Counter-$id" }
        ) {
            Text(text = "Count : $count")
        }
    }
}
```

CountersPreview

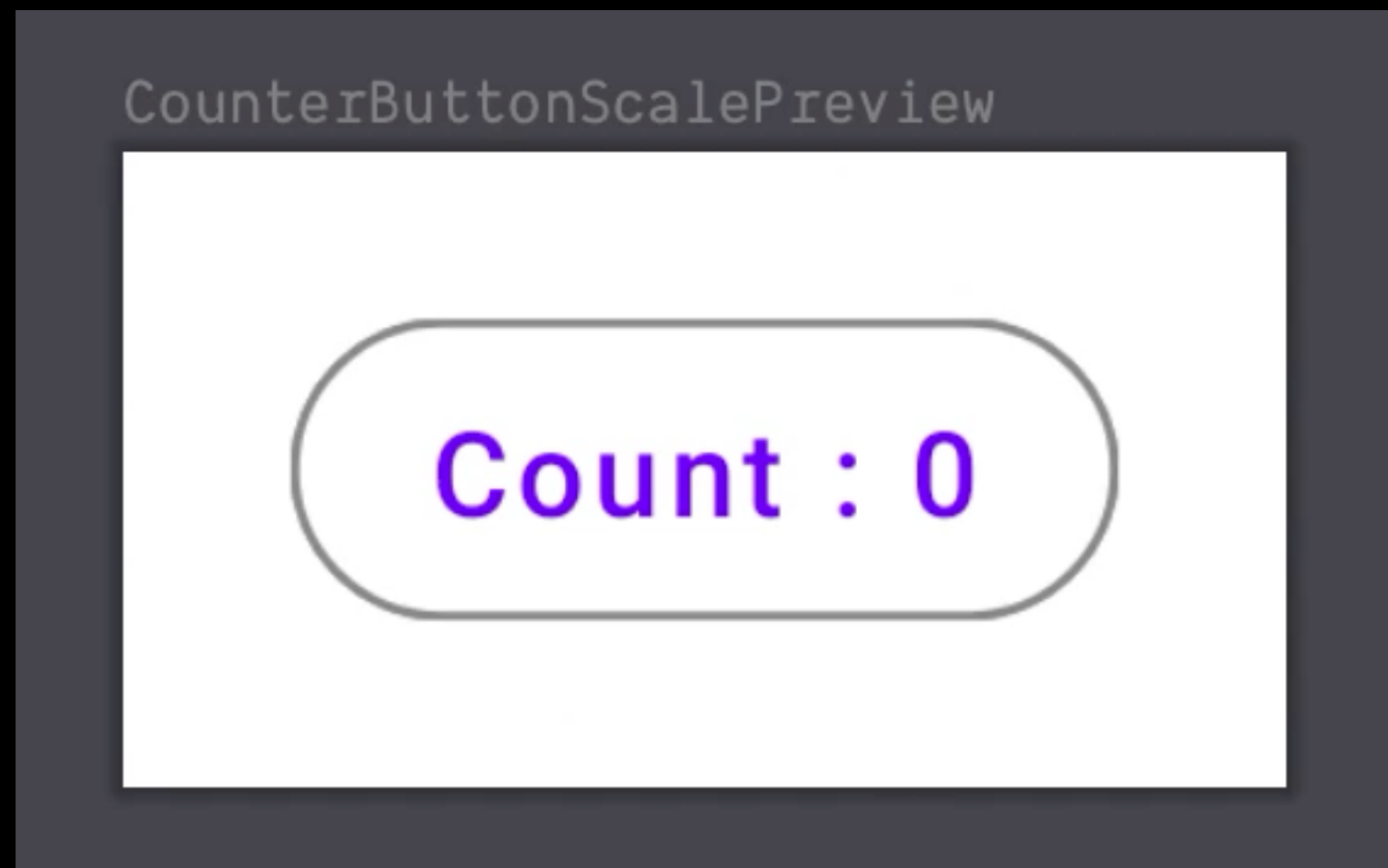
Count : 0

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# COMPOSE MINDSET

- Declarative
- Composable Functions
- Data Down, Events Up
- **Dynamic Content / Logic**
- Recomposition



```
@Composable
fun CounterButtonScale(id: String, modifier: Modifier = Modifier) {
    val (count, setCount) = remember { mutableStateOf(0) }
    val (scale, setScale) = remember { mutableStateOf(1.0f) }
    val animatedScale = animate(scale, TweenSpec(300))
    onCommit(count, {
        if (count > 2) {
            setScale(1.0f)
            setCount(0)
        } else if (count > 0) {
            setScale(scale - 0.1f)
        }
    })
    Row(
        modifier = modifier.padding(4.dp)
    ) {
        OutlinedButton(
            onClick = { setCount(count + 1) },
            border = BorderStroke(1.dp,
                (count < 5)
                colors[count]
            else
                MaterialTheme.colors.primary),
            shape = RoundedCornerShape(50),
            modifier = modifier.scale(animatedScale)
        ) {
            Text(text = "Count : $count")
        }
    }
}
```

Effect

Inline logic

## COMPOSE MINDSET

- Declarative
- Composable Functions
- Data Down, Events Up
- Dynamic Content / Logic
- **Recomposition**

- Should we call the functions ourselves?
- Is everything redrawn?
- No!
- Runs in Parallel!

```
@Composable
fun Counters(modifier: Modifier = Modifier) {
    val (count1, setCount1) = remember { mutableStateOf(0) }
    Row() {
        3 Counter(id = "1", count = count1, setCount = setCount1)
        1 Counter(id = "2", count = count1, setCount = setCount1)
        2 Counter(id = "3", count = count1, setCount = setCount1)
    }
}
```



# COMPOSE MINDSET

- Declarative
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- Test

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        )
    }
}
```

```
@RunWith(JUnit4::class)
class CounterKtTest {

    @get:Rule
    val composeTestRule = createAndroidComposeRule<CounterActivity>()

    @Test
    fun testCounter() {
        composeTestRule.setContent {
            Counters()
        }
        composeTestRule.onNodeWithTag("Counter-1").assertTextEquals("Count : 0")
        composeTestRule.onNodeWithTag("Counter-1").performClick();
        composeTestRule.onNodeWithTag("Counter-1").assertTextEquals("Count : 1")
        composeTestRule.onNodeWithTag("Counter-1").performClick();
        composeTestRule.onNodeWithTag("Counter-1").assertTextEquals("Count : 2")
    }
}
```

```

1 package com.sw.mobile.flickrbrowser
2
3 import ...
4
5 @RunWith(JUnit4::class)
6 class CounterKtTest {
7     @get:Rule
8     val composeTestRule = createAndroidComposeRule<CounterActivity>()
9
10    @Test
11    fun testCounter() {
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14        }
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17        composeTestRule.onNodeWithTag(testTag: "Counter-1").assertTextEquals("Count : 1")
18        composeTestRule.onNodeWithTag(testTag: "Counter-1").performClick();
19        composeTestRule.onNodeWithTag(testTag: "Counter-1").assertTextEquals("Count : 2")
20    }
21 }

```



Run: CounterKtTest x Counters x

Status 0 passed 1 tests

Filter tests: [Icons]

Tests	Duration	Pixel_5
Test Results	6 s	0/1
CounterKtTest	6 s	0/1
testCounter	6 s	✖

Launch succeeded

Test Results

Install successfully finished in 873 ms.

Running tests

```

$ adb shell am instrument -w -m -e debug false -e class 'com.sw.mobile.flickrbrowser.CounterKtTest' com.sw.m
Connected to process 12451 TV device 'emulator-5554'.

```

# THINKING IN REACT

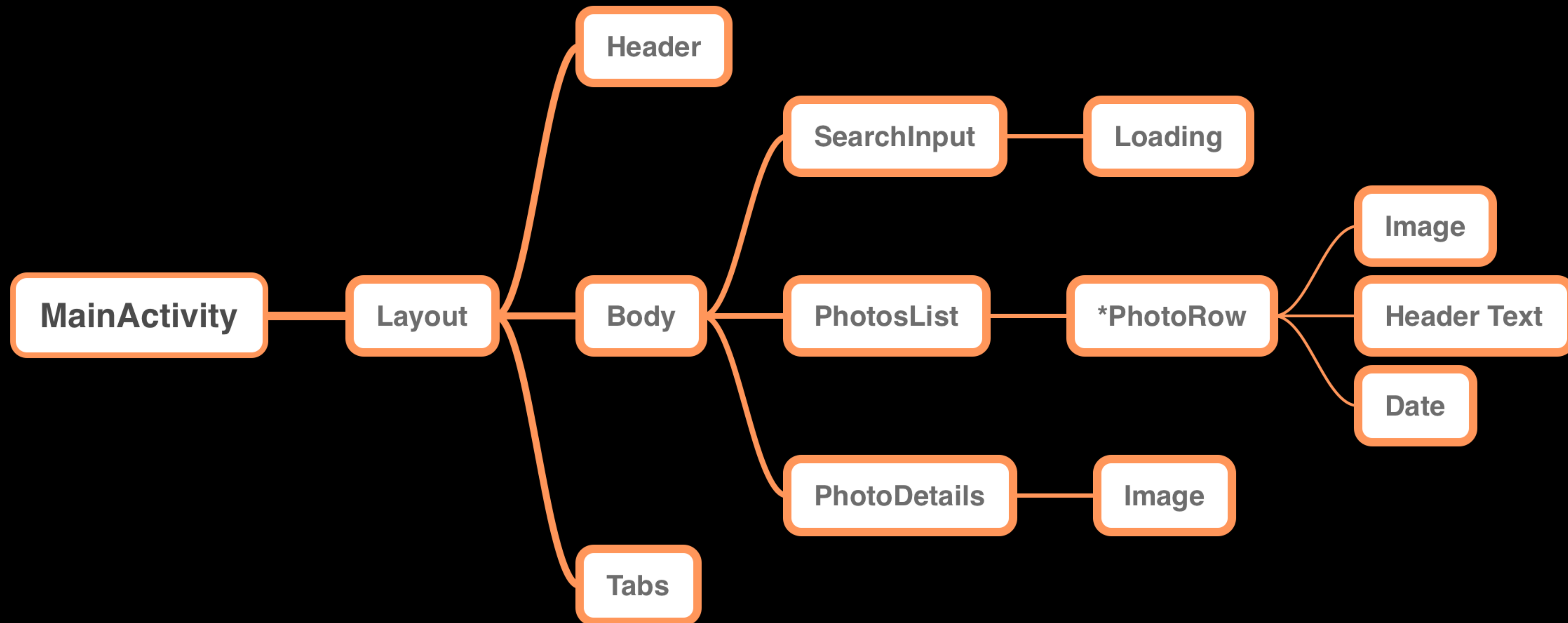
## THINKING IN REACT

- Start with a mock, UI and Data
- Break UI in a component Hierarchy
- Build a static version in React
- Identify The minimal Representation Of UI State
- Identify where the state should live ( Data down )
- An Inverse Data Flow, top level component passes callbacks to child components to mutate the state.



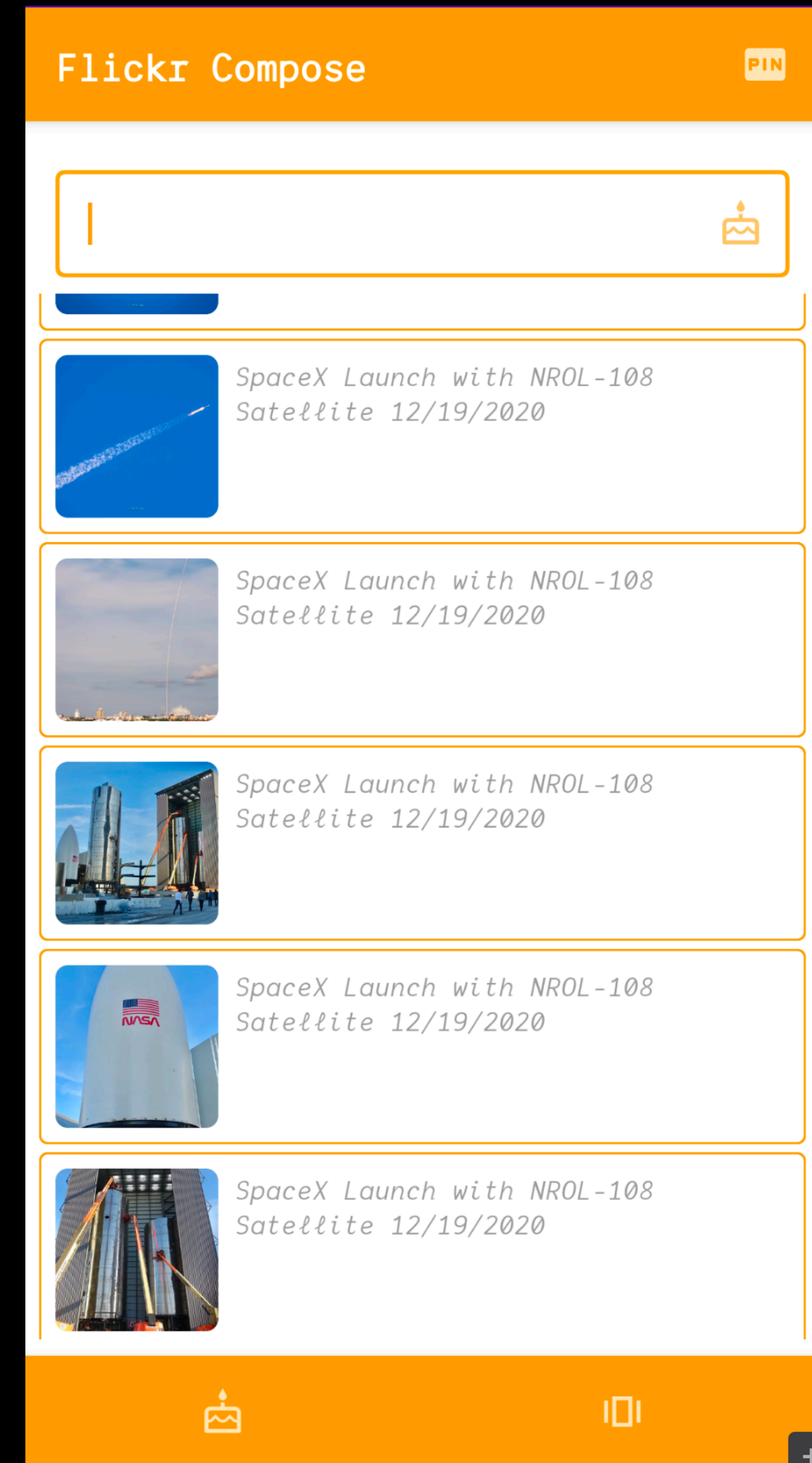
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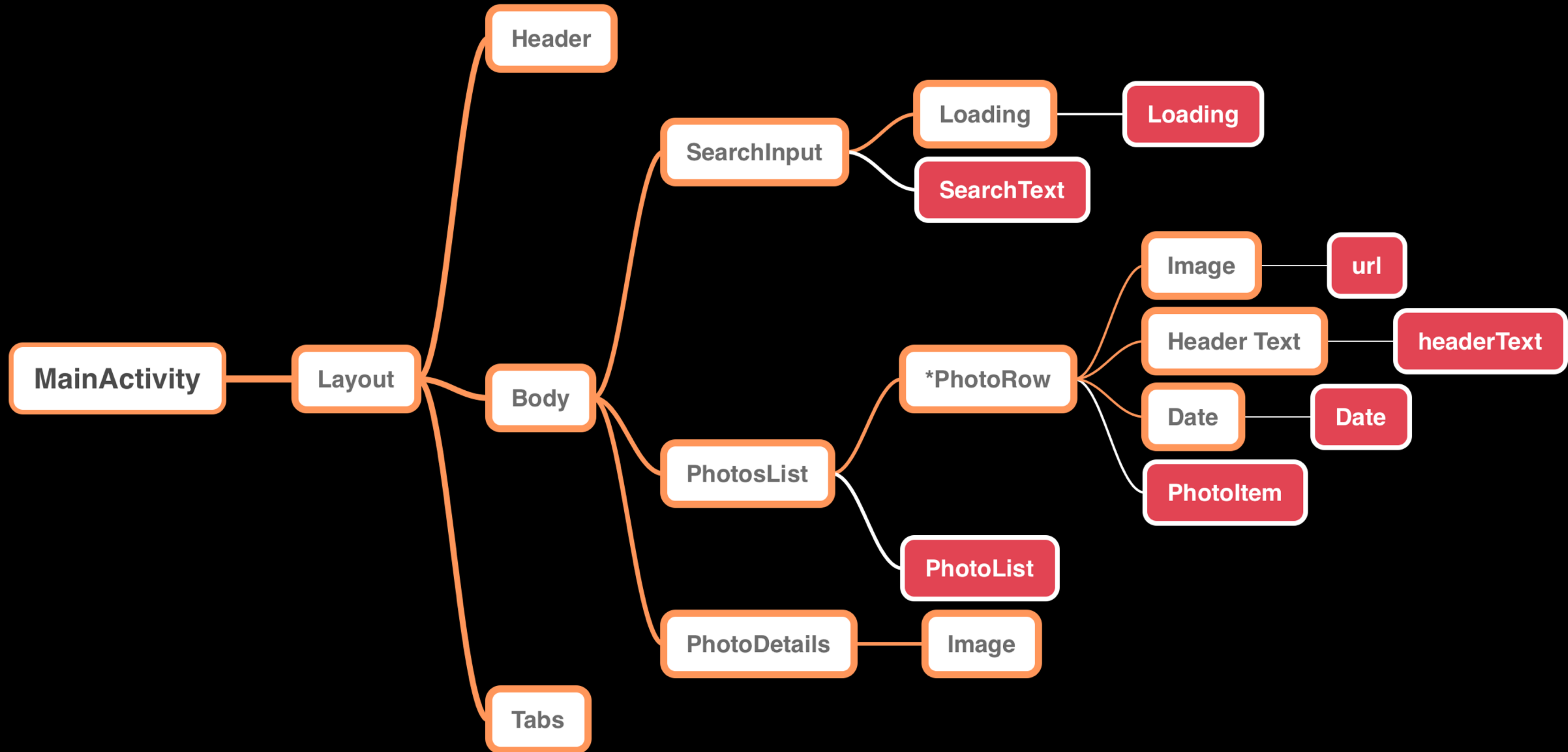


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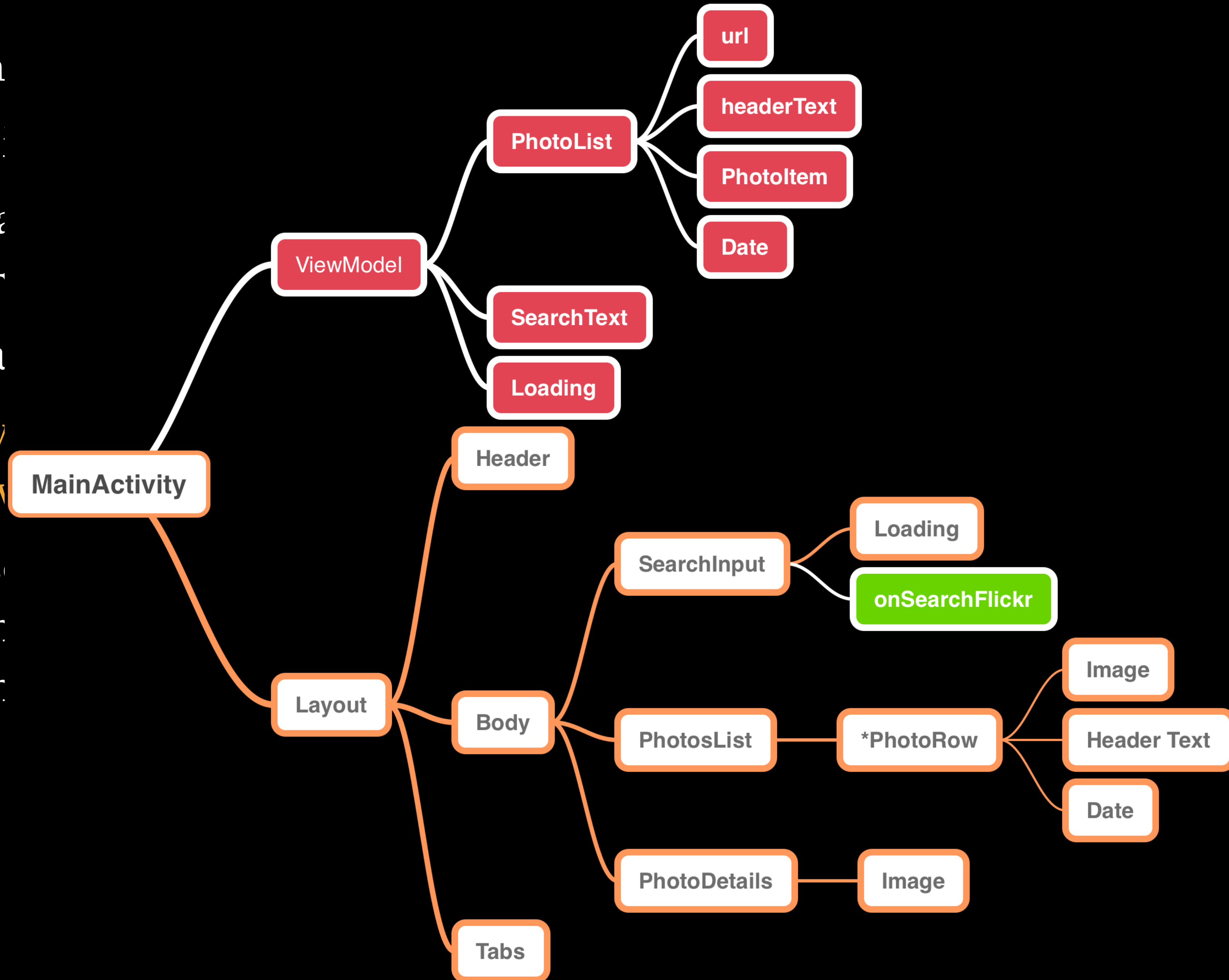


# THINKING IN REACT - IDENTIFY THE MINIMAL REPRESENTATION OF UI STATE



# THINKING IN REACT - IDENTIFY WHERE THE STATE SHOULD LIVE ( DATA DOWN )

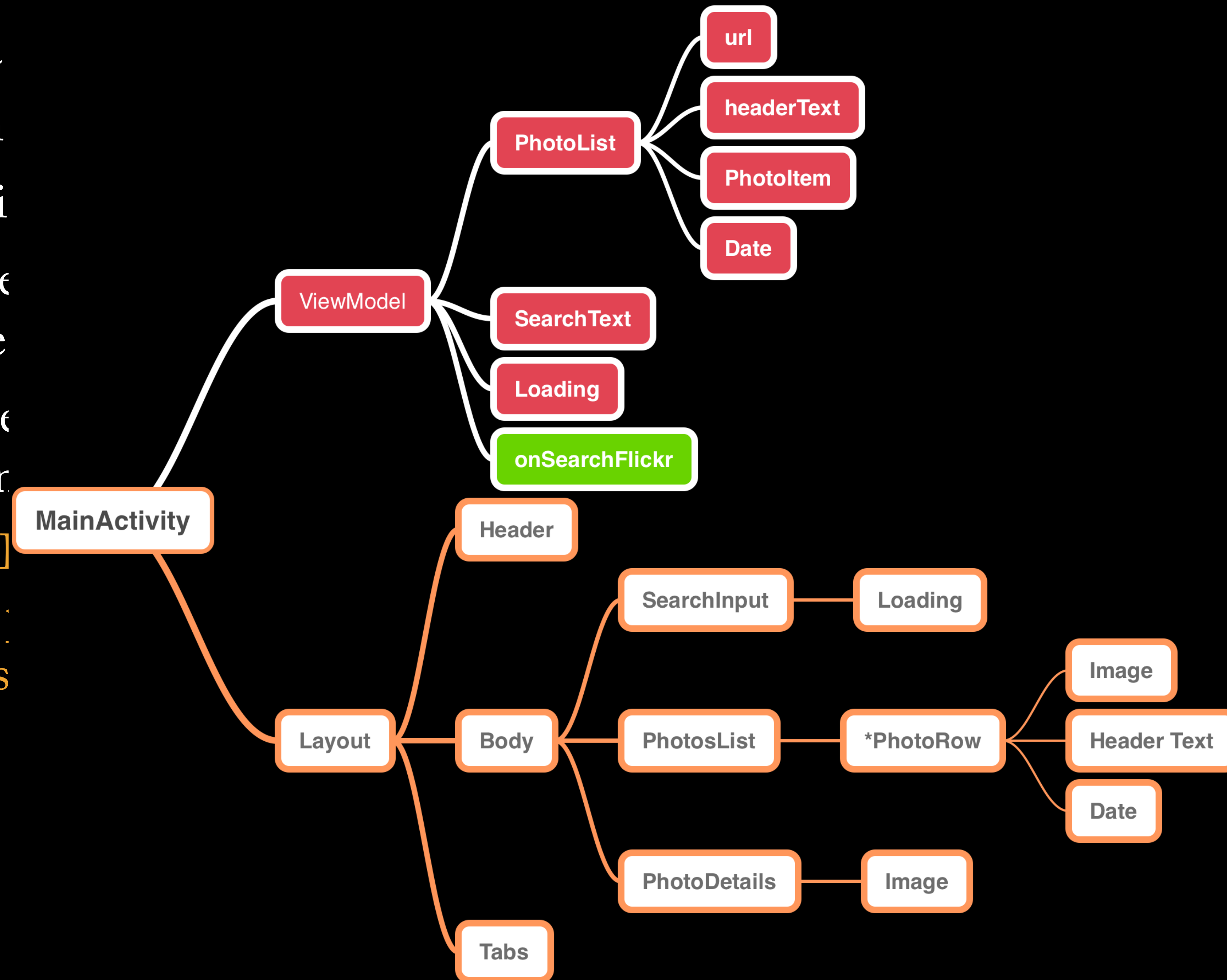
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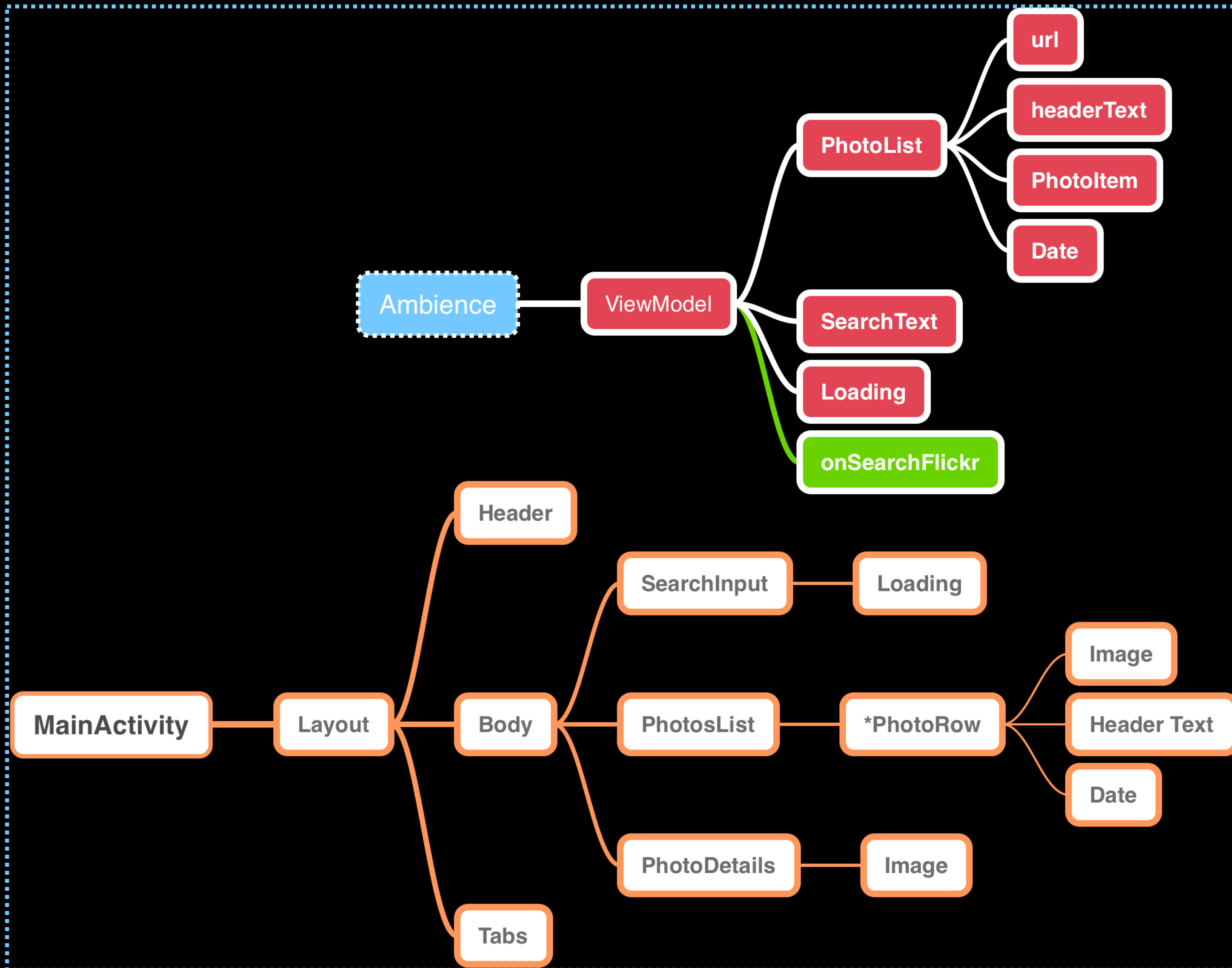


# THINKING IN REACT - CALLBACKS

- Start with a
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- *An Inverse*  
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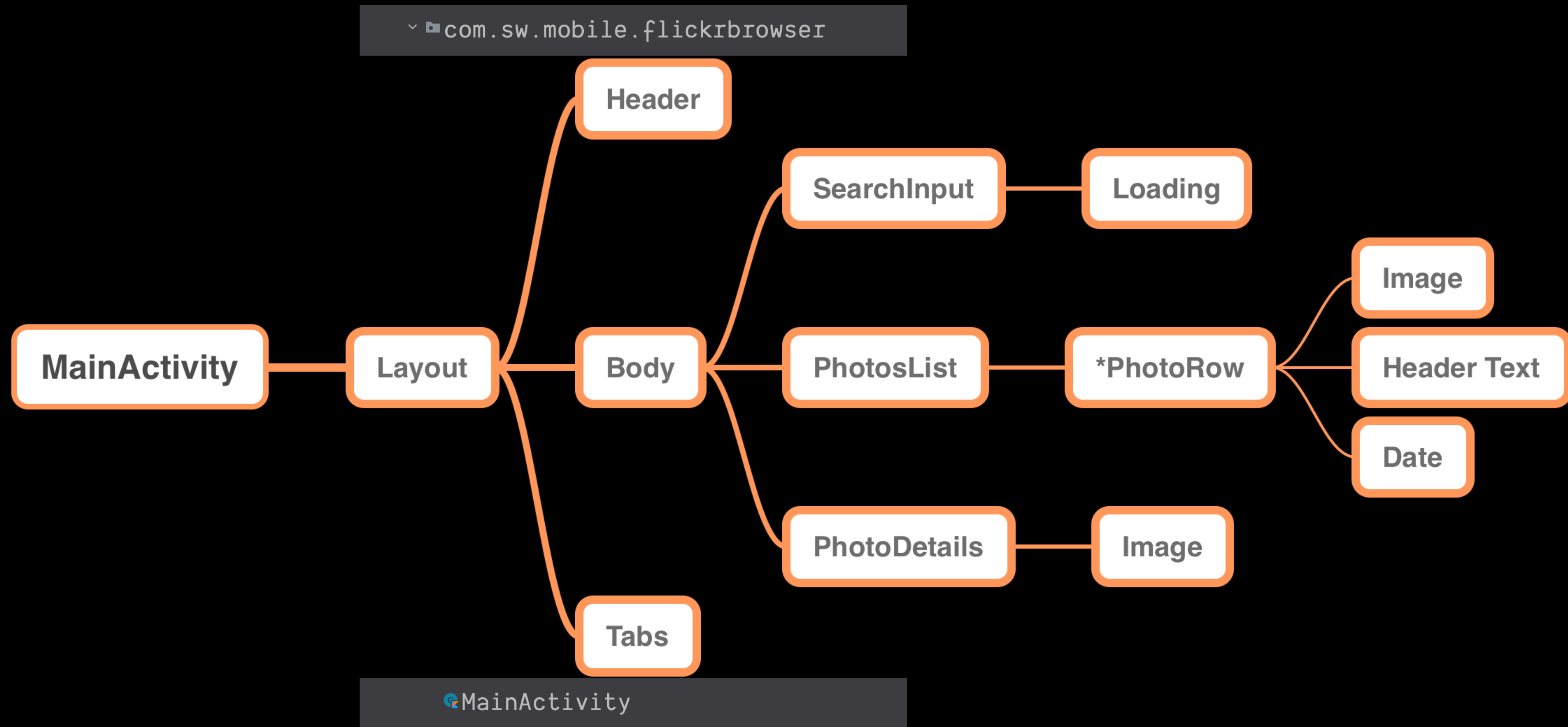


# THINKING IN REACT - IDENTIFY WHERE THE STATE SHOULD LIVE ( DATA AROUND )



# APPLYING REACT TO COMPOSE

# APPLYING REACT IN COMPOSE



## APPLYING REACT IN COMPOSE - THEME

```
class MainActivity : AppCompatActivity() {
    val flickrViewModel by viewModels<FlickrViewModel>()
    override fun onCreate(savedInstanceState: Bundle?) {
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState)
        setContentView {
            FlickrbrowserTheme {
                Providers(AmbientFlickrSearch provides flickrViewModel) {
                    LayoutFlickr(
                )
            }
        }
        onActive(callback = { flickrViewModel.onSearchFlickr("rocket") })
    }
}
}
```

# APPLYING REACT IN COMPOSE - THEME

ui/

```
└─ ui
   ├── Color.kt
   ├── Shape.kt
   ├── Theme.kt
   └── Type.kt
```

## Color.kt

```
val Orange700 = Color(0xFFFFFA000)
val Orange800 = Color(0xFFFF8F00)
val Orange900 = Color(0xFFFF6F00)

val Orange200 = Color(0xFFFFE082)
val Orange300 = Color(0xFFFFE082)

val LightColors = lightColors(
    primary = Orange700,
    primaryVariant = Orange900,
    onPrimary = Color.White,
    secondary = Orange700,
    secondaryVariant = Orange200,
    onSecondary = Color.White,
    error = Orange800
)

val DarkColors = darkColors(
    primary = Orange300,
    primaryVariant = Orange700,
    onPrimary = Color.Black,
    secondary = Orange300,
    onSecondary = Color.White,
    error = Orange200
)
```

## Shape.kt

```
val shapes = Shapes(
    small = RoundedCornerShape(4.dp),
    medium = RoundedCornerShape(4.dp),
    large = RoundedCornerShape(0.dp)
)
```

## Type.kt

```
private val Dank = fontFamily(
    font(R.font.dankmono_italic, style = FontStyle.Italic),
    font(R.font.dankmono_regular),
)

val FlickrTypography = Typography(
    h4 = TextStyle(
        fontFamily = Dank,
        fontWeight = FontWeight.W600,
        fontSize = 30.sp
    ),
    h5 = TextStyle(
        fontFamily = Dank,
        fontWeight = FontWeight.W600,
        fontSize = 24.sp
    ),
    h6 = TextStyle(
        fontFamily = Dank,
        fontWeight = FontWeight.W600,
        fontSize = 20.sp
    ),
    subtitle1 = TextStyle(
        fontFamily = Dank,
        fontWeight = FontWeight.W600,
```

## Theme.kt

```
@Composable
fun FlickrbrowserTheme(
    darkTheme: Boolean = isSystemInDarkTheme(),
    content: @Composable () -> Unit) {
    MaterialTheme(
        colors = if (darkTheme) DarkColors else LightColors,
        typography = FlickrTypography,
        shapes = FlickrShapes,
        content = content
    )
}
```

## APPLYING REACT IN COMPOSE - VIEW MODEL - STATE/HANDLERS

```
class FlickrViewModel : ViewModel() {  
    var photos by mutableStateOf(PhotosResponse())  
    var searchText by mutableStateOf("")  
    private set  
    var loading by mutableStateOf(false)  
  
    fun onSearchFlickr(value: String) {  
        loading = true  
        viewModelScope.launch {  
            photos = getApi().search(tags = "spacex", text = value)  
        }  
        loading = false  
    }  
}  
  
val AmbientFlickrSearch = ambientOf<FlickrViewModel>()
```

# APPLYING REACT IN COMPOSE - MODEL - IN ACTIVITY

```
class MainActivity : AppCompatActivity() {  
    val flickrViewModel by viewModels<FlickrViewModel>()  
    override fun onCreate(savedInstanceState: Bundle?) {  
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState)  
        setContent {  
            FlickrbrowserTheme {  
                Providers(AmbientFlickrSearch provides flickrViewModel) {  
                    LayoutFlickr(  
                        )  
                    }  
                }  
                onActive(callback = { flickrViewModel.onSearchFlickr("rocket") })  
            }  
        }  
    }  
}
```



## APPLYING REACT IN COMPOSE - ON ACTIVE

```
class MainActivity : AppCompatActivity() {
    val flickrViewModel by viewModels<FlickrViewModel>()
    override fun onCreate(savedInstanceState: Bundle?) {
        super.onCreate(savedInstanceState)
        setContentView {
            FlickrbrowserTheme {
                Providers(AmbientFlickrSearch provides flickrViewModel) {
                    LayoutFlickr(
                        )
                }
            }
            onActive(callback = { flickrViewModel.onSearchFlickr("rocket") })
        }
    }
}
```

# SEARCH INPUT - DATA FLOW

```
@Composable
fun SearchInputTextContainer() {
    val flickrViewModel = AmbientFlickrSearch.current
    SearchInputText(
        searchText = flickrViewModel.searchText,
        loading = flickrViewModel.loading,
        onSearchFlickr = flickrViewModel::onSearchFlickr
    )
}
```

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```
class FlickrViewModelMock(_searchText: String = "") :
    FlickrViewModel(_searchText, photos = photosRes, photoMocks) {
    override fun onSearchFlickr(value: String) {
        if (value.length < 3) return
        loading = true
        searchJob = viewModelScope.launch {
            delay(500)
            photos = getApi().search(tags = "spacex", text = value)
            loading = false
        }
    }
}
```

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```
@Composable
fun SearchInputText(
    modifier: Modifier = Modifier,
    searchText: String = "",
    loading: Boolean,
    onSearchFlickr: (text: String) -> Unit,
    onImeAction: () -> Unit = {},
) {
    var textVal by savedInstanceState<String> { searchText }
    onCommit(textVal, {
        onSearchFlickr(textVal)
    })
    Row(modifier = modifier.fillMaxWidth().background(MaterialTheme.colors.surface)) {
        OutlinedTextField(
            value = textVal,
            onValueChange = {
                textVal = it
            },
            activeColor = MaterialTheme.colors.primary,
            inactiveColor = MaterialTheme.colors.secondary,
            keyboardOptions = KeyboardOptions(imeAction = ImeAction.Done),
            onImeActionPerformed = { action, softKeyboardController ->
                if (action == ImeAction.Done) {
                    onImeAction()
                    softKeyboardController?.hideSoftwareKeyboard()
                }
            },
            trailingIcon = {
                if (loading)
                    Icon(
                        Icons.Filled.Cake,
                        modifier = modifier.testTag("icon-loading")
                    )
                else
                    Icon(
                        Icons.Outlined.Cake,
                        modifier = modifier.testTag("icon-not-loading")
                    )
            },
            modifier = modifier.fillMaxWidth().padding(8.dp).testTag("search-input")
        )
    }
}
```

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```

class SearchInputTextContainerKtTest {

    @get:Rule
    val composeTestRule = createComposeRule()

    @Test
    fun searchInputTextNotLoading() {
        val flickrViewModel = FlickrViewModelMock(_searchText = "")
        composeTestRule.setContent {
            FlickrbrowserTheme {
                Providers( ...values: AmbientFlickrSearch provides flickrViewModel) {
                    SearchInputTextContainer()
                }
            }
        }
        composeTestRule.onNodeWithTag( testTag: "search-input").assertTextEquals("")
        composeTestRule.onNodeWithTag( testTag: "icon-not-loading", useUnmergedTree = true).assertExists()
        composeTestRule.onNodeWithTag( testTag: "search-input").performTextInput( text: "Space")
        composeTestRule.onNodeWithTag( testTag: "search-input").assertTextEquals("Space")
        composeTestRule.onNodeWithTag( testTag: "icon-loading", useUnmergedTree = true).assertExists()
        // should revert to not loading

        composeTestRule.onNodeWithTag( testTag: "icon-not-loading", useUnmergedTree = true).assertDoesNotExist()
        Thread.sleep( millis: 2000)
    }
}

```



SearchInputTextConta... x

Status ████████████████████ 1 passed 1 tests, 10 s 122 ms

Filter tests: ✓ ⊘ ≡ ⚡ ↑ ↓ 🔍 🗑️ 🔗

Tests	Duration	Pixel_5
✓ Test Results	7 s	1/1
✓ SearchInputTextContainerKtTest	7 s	1/1
✓ searchInputTextNotLoading		

Tests Passed  
1 passed

✓ Test Results

Install successfully finished in 508 ms.

Running tests

```
$ adb shell am instrument -w -m -e debug false -e class 'com.sw.mobile.flickrbrowser.composables.SearchInputTextContainerKtTest'
```

```
Connected to process 24021 on device 'Pixel_5 [emulator-5554]'.
```

# SEARCH BOX - PREVIEW

```
@Preview
@Composable
fun SearchInputTextPreview() {
    SearchInputText(searchText = "Rocket has Loaded",
        loading = false, onSearchFlickr = { /*TODO*/ })
}

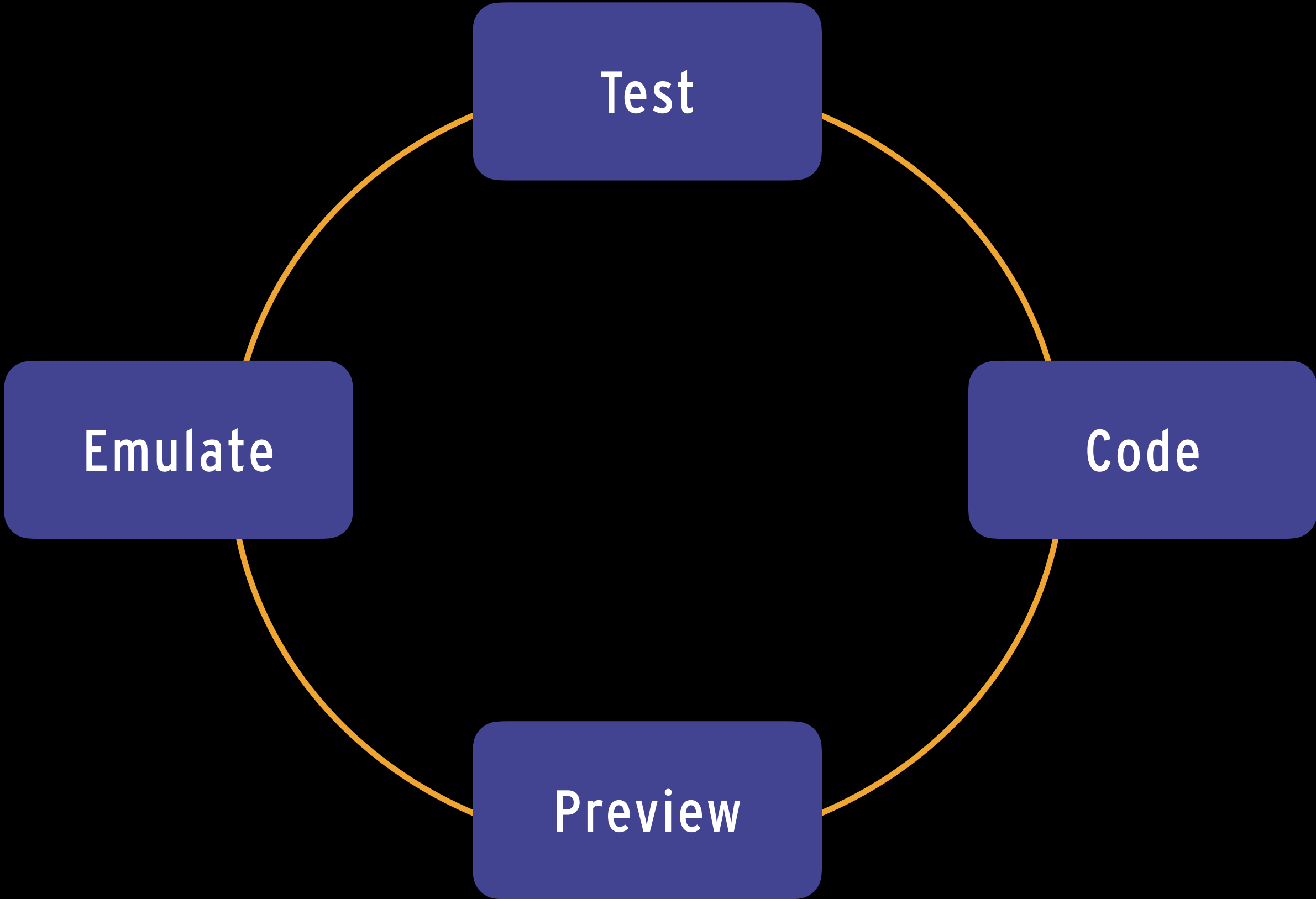
@Preview
@Composable
fun SearchInputTextPreviewLoading() {
    SearchInputText(searchText = "Rocket is Loading",
        loading = true, onSearchFlickr = { /*TODO*/ })
}

@Preview
@Composable
fun SearchInputTextPreviewLoadingTheme() {
    FlickrbrowserTheme {
        SearchInputText(searchText = "With Theme And Loading",
            loading = true, onSearchFlickr = { /*TODO*/ })
    }
}

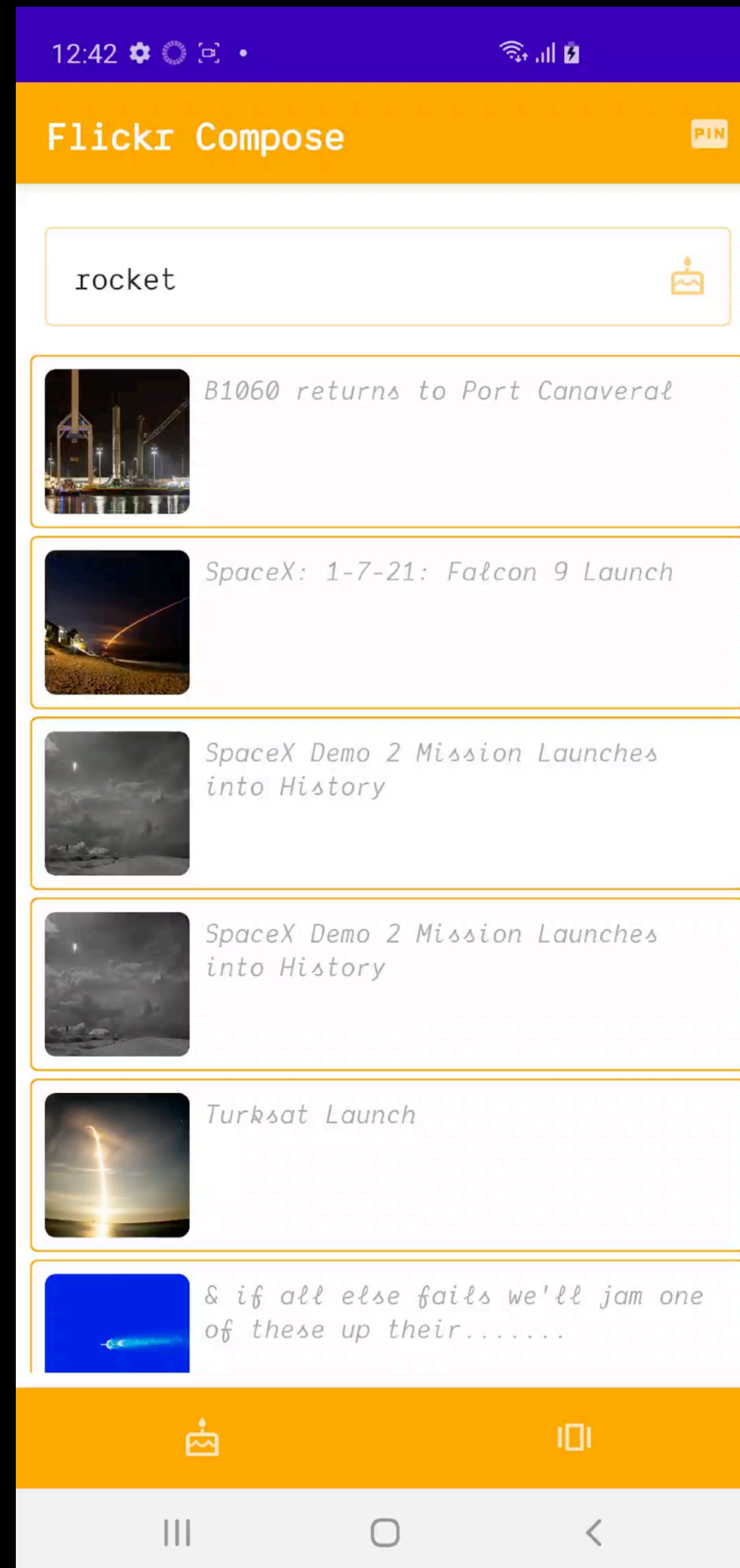
@Preview
@Composable
fun SearchInputTextContainerPreviewLoadingTheme() {
    val flickrViewModel = FlickrViewModel(_loading = true,
        _searchText = "With Ambient, it's a Context!!")
    FlickrbrowserTheme {
        Providers(...values: AmbientFlickrSearch provides flickrViewModel) {
            SearchInputTextContainer()
        }
    }
}
```

The image displays four preview cards for the SearchInputText composable. Each card shows a search input field with a search icon on the right. The first card shows the text "Rocket has Loaded" and a blue search icon. The second card shows the text "Rocket is Loading" and a blue search icon. The third card shows the text "With Theme And Loading" and an orange search icon. The fourth card shows the text "With Ambient, it's a Context!!" and an orange search icon. The cards are arranged vertically and are separated by a thin white line. The background is dark gray.

# DEVELOPMENT CYCLE



# FLICKR BROWSER



# CONCLUSIONS

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- Nailed it!
  - React Developer Adoption!
- Kotlin!
- DX
- Animation api
- Theming
  
- Compilation is slower in comparison to React Natives JS metro bundler
- Complete list of hook to Compose comparison on
  - <https://github.com/callistaenterprise/cadec-2021-compose>



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