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Summary

Experienced Tech Lead / Lead Android Developer with 9+ years of expertise in designing and delivering high-quality mobile applications. Proven success in leading cross-functional teams, driving projects using Kotlin Multiplatform, Flutter, and Android Jetpack, and ensuring scalable, testable, and maintainable codebases. Skilled in Agile/Scrum, TDD, and clean architecture (MVP, MVVM, MVI). Adept at mentoring engineers, improving development processes, and aligning technical solutions with business goals.

Skills

Languages & Frameworks: Kotlin, Kotlin Multiplatform (KMP/KMM), Compose Multiplatform, Java, Flutter, Jetpack (Compose, Navigation, Room, ViewModel, Paging 3, DataStore, WorkManager), HILT/Dagger2, Coroutines & Flow, Retrofit, RxJava, Ktor

AI-Assisted Development: GitHub Copilot, Claude Code, Gemini Code Assist

Architectures & Patterns: MVP, MVVM, MVI, Clean Architecture

Testing & Quality: TDD, JUnit, Espresso, Mockito, UI Automator, Macrobenchmark, Baseline Profiles

DevOps & Tools: Git, Jenkins CI/CD, GitHub Actions, Android Studio, Gradle Version Catalogs, KSP

Other Expertise: API Integration (JSON/XML), Android Security, Accessibility, Material 3, UI/UX Principles, Agile/Scrum

The Times

October 2022 – Present

London

Senior Software Engineer

The Times: UK & World News

- Leading Android development for The Times: UK & World News app, ensuring high-quality, scalable delivery.
- Translating business needs into technical solutions, collaborating with design, product, and stakeholders.
- Driving the full development lifecycle: planning, execution, code review, release, and maintenance.
- Established code quality guidelines, performance optimisation, and security standards.
- Mentoring developers and enforcing best practices in clean architecture and test-driven development.
- Introduced new frameworks and tools to improve developer productivity and app scalability.

Future Platforms

June 2019 – August 2022

London

Senior Mobile Developer

Great Western Railway (First Rail), Avanti West Coast, FirstBus, LNER (London North Eastern Railway), PSG Football Club

- Delivered feature-rich ticketing apps with SSO, login, journey planning, live train updates, ticket purchase, and push notifications.
- Worked on a greenfield Kotlin Multiplatform Mobile (KMM) initiative for LNER (London North Eastern Railway) during KMM's early adoption phase, building shared business logic between Android and iOS from a blank codebase.
- Worked through early-stage KMM tooling, Gradle and dependency-sharing setup, and platform-bridging patterns, and coordinated with iOS engineers on conventions for consuming the shared module.
- Developed a Flutter-based fan loyalty app for PSG using advanced state management (BLoC, RiverPod, GetX, MobX).
- Integrated NFC, analytics, and custom UI components to enhance user experience.

- Improved reliability with CI/CD (Jenkins) and strong testing practices (JUnit, Mockito).

Lloyds Banking Group

July 2017 – May 2019

London

Mobile Developer

Lloyds Bank Mobile

- Contributed to GDPR compliance project across Lloyds, BOS, and Halifax banking apps.
- Key developer in the MBNA app launch post-acquisition by Lloyds.
- Implemented MVP architecture and optimized app flavors for better maintainability.
- Enhanced app stability using RxJava, Dagger2, and automated tests (JUnit, Espresso).

Meducation

October 2016 – July 2017

London

Mobile Developer

- Built features using MVP architecture and Firebase push notifications.
- Maintained high code quality with unit & UI tests and CI/CD pipelines.

Cafe Nero

January 2016 – September 2016

London

Android Developer

- Developed customer-facing features including Card.io integration for payments, geocoding, and location-aware services.
- Improved app performance through network optimization (Retrofit, RxJava) and memory/battery optimizations.
- Increased engagement with push messaging (GCM, Mixpanel) and UX improvements.

Open Source Contributions

Contributor — Wear OS / Android Wearable Projects

- Contributed to open-source Android projects focused on wearable devices, submitting code alongside regular full-time employment.
- Worked with the constraints of wearable hardware, including limited screen real estate, battery life, and sensor/data integration.
- Collaborated with maintainers and other contributors via GitHub, including code review, issue triage, and pull requests.

Education

M.Sc. Software Engineering – University of Aberystwyth, Wales, UK

B.E. Information Science & Engineering – HKBK College of Engineering, Bangalore, India

Additional Information

British Citizen

References

Available upon request.