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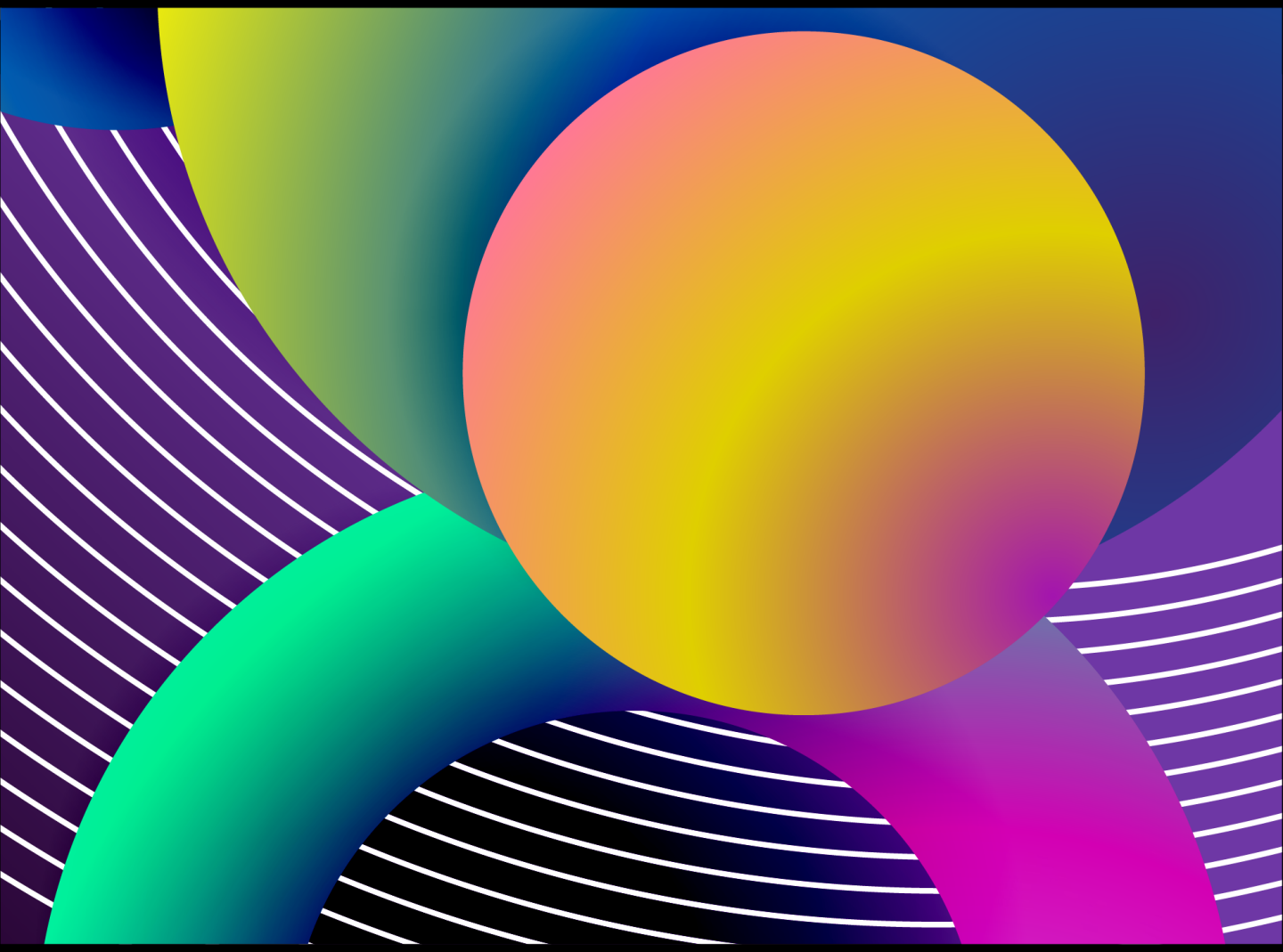

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Chapter 1

1. Start Here

Welcome to Jetpack Compose 1.8 Essentials, a comprehensive guide to building Android apps using Jetpack Compose 1.8, Android Studio, Material Design 3, and the Kotlin programming language.

The book begins with the setup of the Android Studio development environment, followed by an introduction to Kotlin, covering data types, operators, control flow, functions, lambdas, and coroutines.

With this foundation established, the focus shifts to Jetpack Compose, Google's modern toolkit for creating native user interfaces. An in-depth exploration of Compose components and layout structures is provided, including rows, columns, boxes, flows, pagers, and lists. Additional topics include Android project architecture and the Compose development tools available in Android Studio.

Key concepts such as state management, modifiers, and navigation components are examined in detail. Additional chapters demonstrate how to create reusable layout components, implement biometric authentication for security, and integrate Gemini AI features into your apps.

Further coverage includes screen navigation, graphics rendering, animations, transitions, and gesture handling. Data management strategies involving view models, Room databases, live data, and the Database Inspector are also discussed.

Each topic includes step-by-step tutorials, downloadable source code, and access to over 55 online quizzes designed to reinforce key concepts.

With a basic understanding of programming, Android Studio installed, and access to a Windows, Mac, or Linux system, getting started is just a step away.

1.1 Downloading the code samples

The source code and Android Studio project files for the examples contained in this book are available for download at:

https://www.payloadbooks.com/product/compose18-prag/

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1. Click on the Open button option from the Welcome to Android Studio dialog.
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