Unit Testing in Android with GitHub Action

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Ensuring that 'the thing' does what it is supposed to do

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Tests should be independent and repeatable.

Tests should be well organized and reflect the structure of the tested code.

Tests should be portable and reusable.

Some example codes: Android-Unit-Testing/tree/main/GoogleTest/tests

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hw3_problem3_test.cpp

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hw3_problem3_test.cpp

```cpp
#include <gtest/gtest.h>
#include "../hw3_problem3.h"

TEST(InsertInOrder, EmptyListLinkedList) {
    Node* head = NULL;
    head = insertInOrder(head, 10);

    EXPECT_EQ(10, head->value);
    EXPECT_EQ(NULL, head->next);
}

TEST(InsertInOrder, SingleValueInsertAfter) {
    struct Node* head = (struct Node*)malloc(sizeof(struct Node));
    head->value = 5;
    head->next = NULL;

    head = insertInOrder(head, 10);

    EXPECT_EQ(5, head->value);
    EXPECT_EQ(10, head->next->value);
    EXPECT_EQ(NULL, head->next->next);

    free(head);
}
```

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```
TEST(TestSuiteName, TestName) {
  ...
  EXPECT_TRUE(DoSomething(GetParam()));
  ...
}
```

Credits: https://google.github.io/googletest/primer.html

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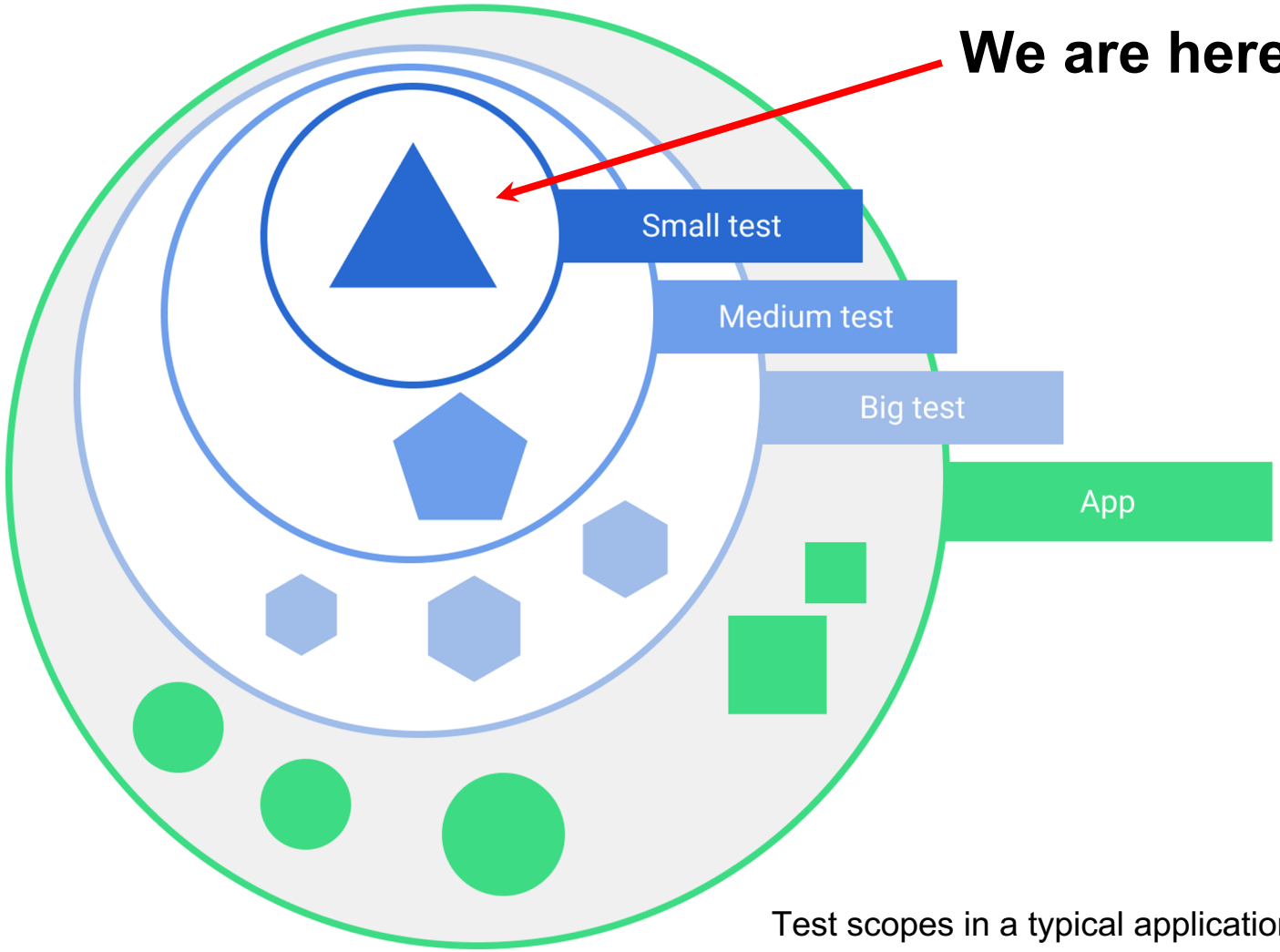

Test scopes in a typical application.

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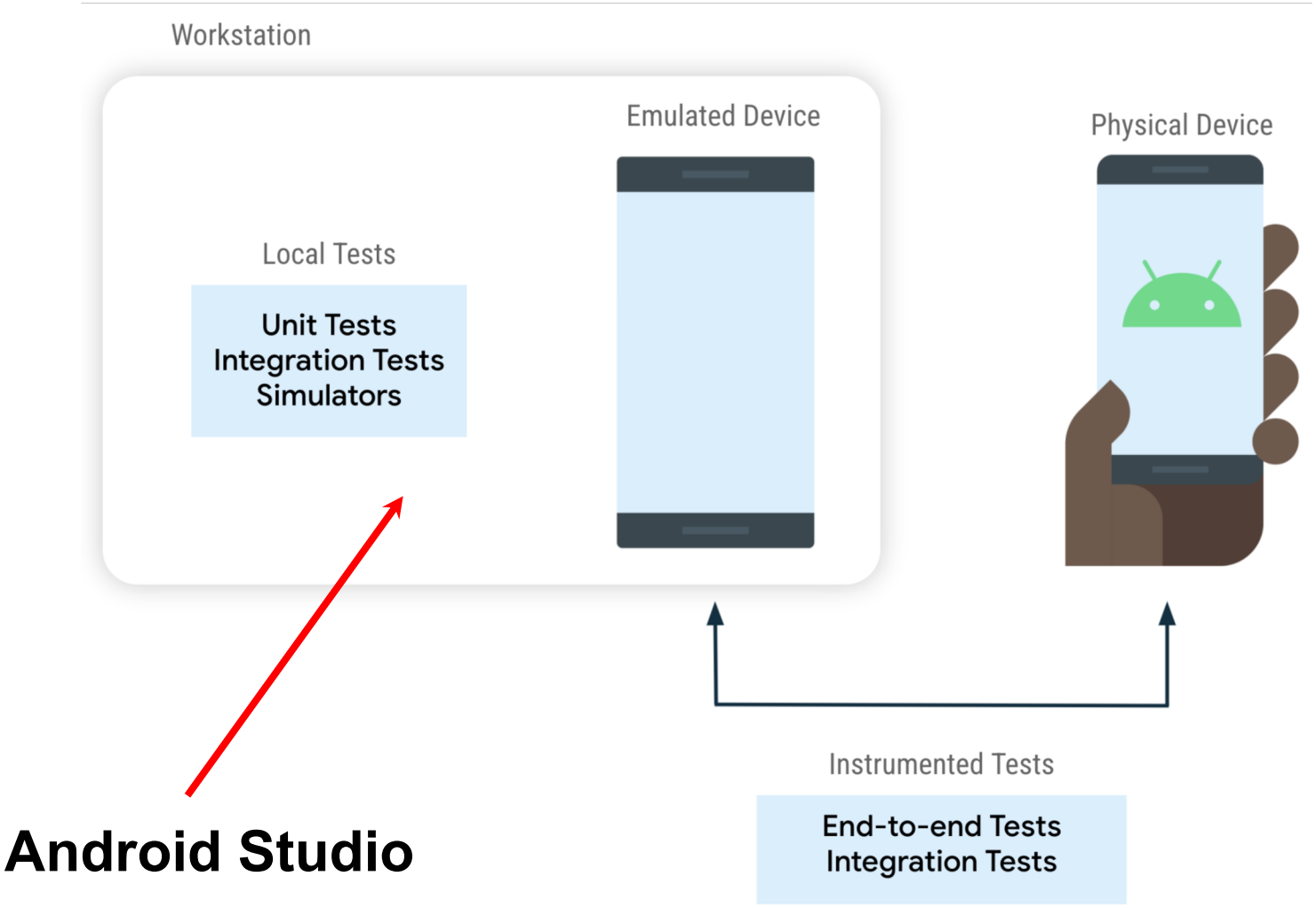

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Different types of tests depending on where they run.

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A type of **software testing** where individual units/components of a software are tested

Done during the **development of an application**

The **objective** of Unit Testing is to verify its correctness

Usually performed by the developer

Tools that we use in Android: **JUnit**

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Tools that we use in Android: **JUnit4**

A programmer-oriented testing framework for Java.

By default, we will use Gradle Build Tool

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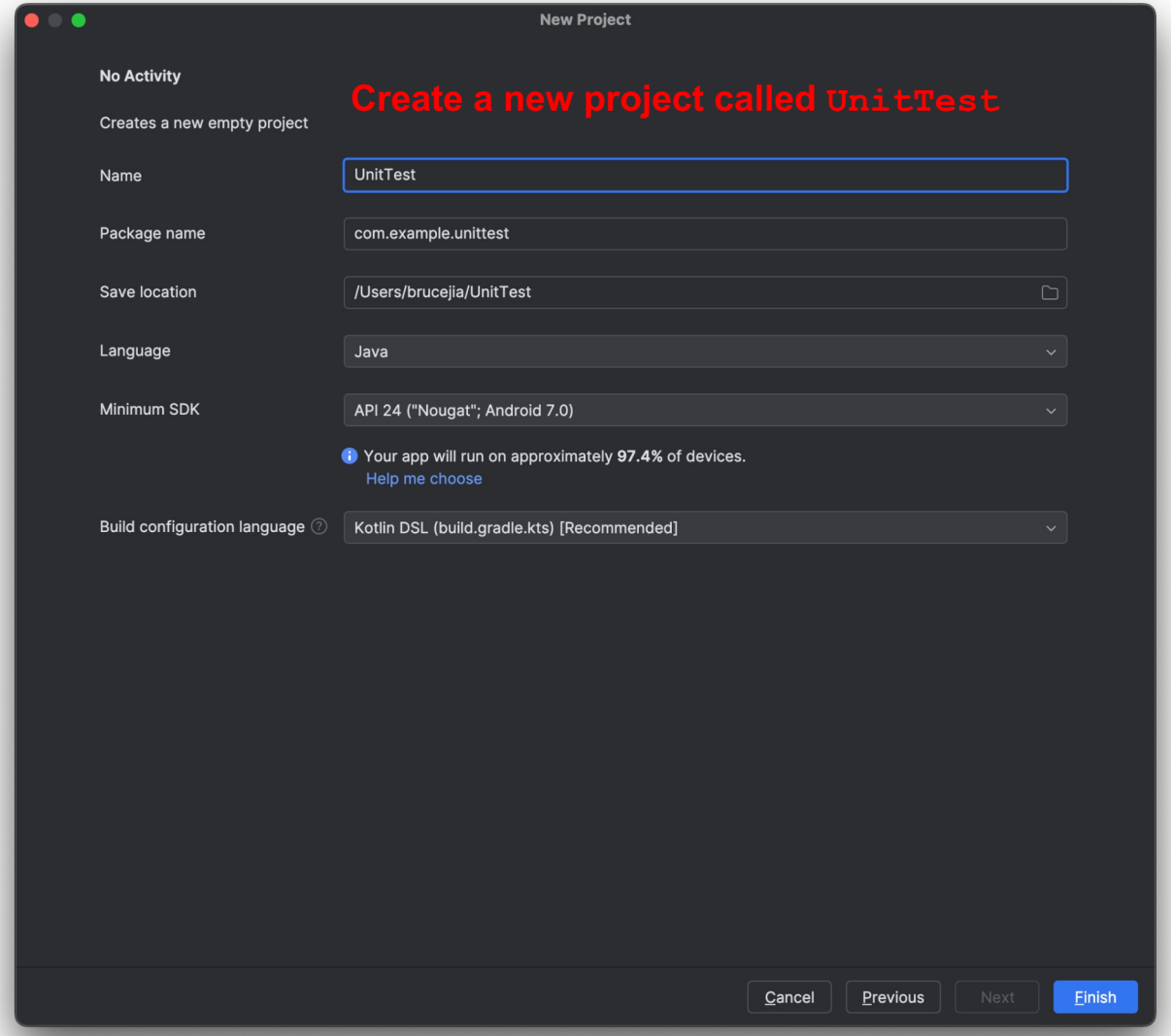

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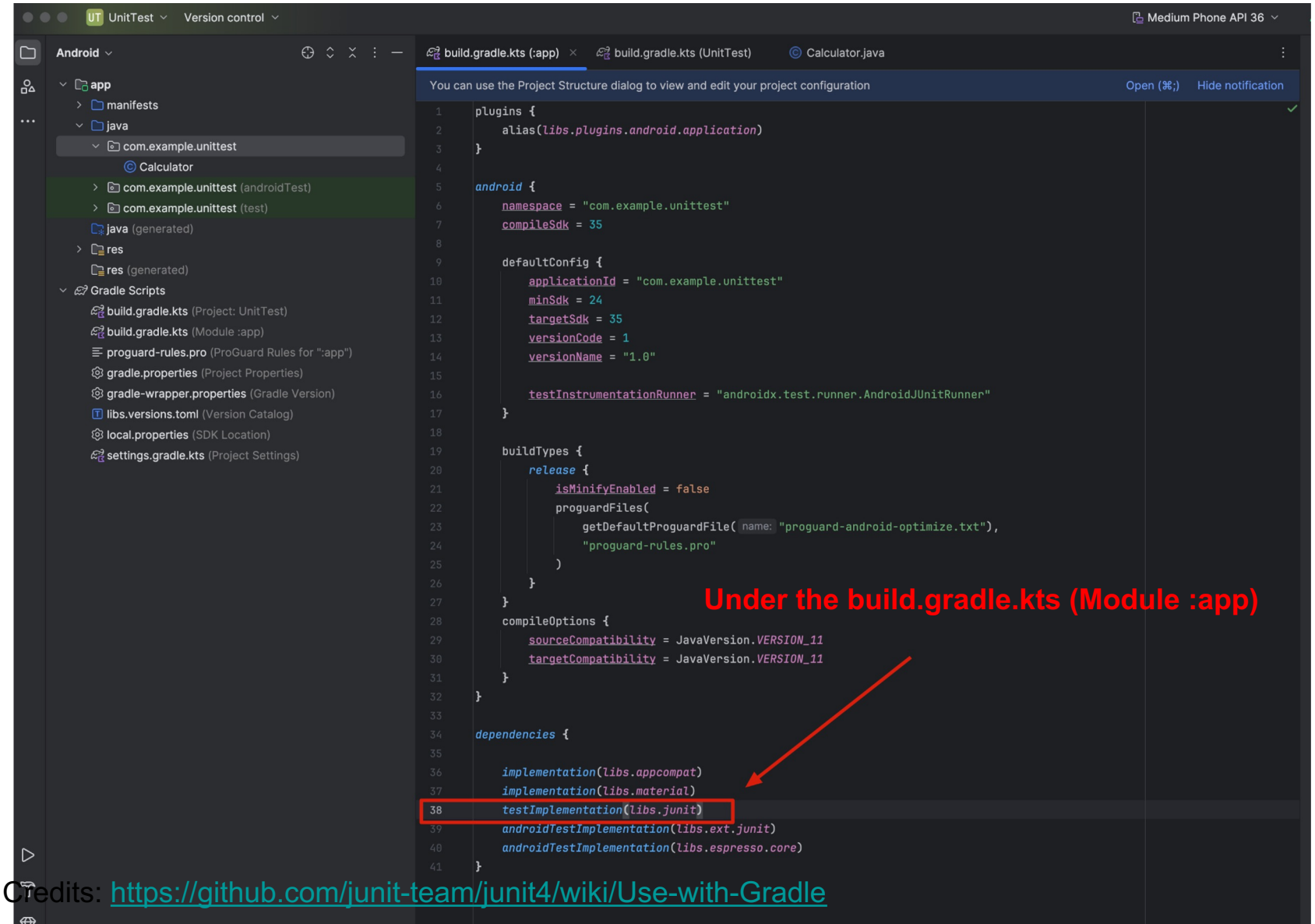

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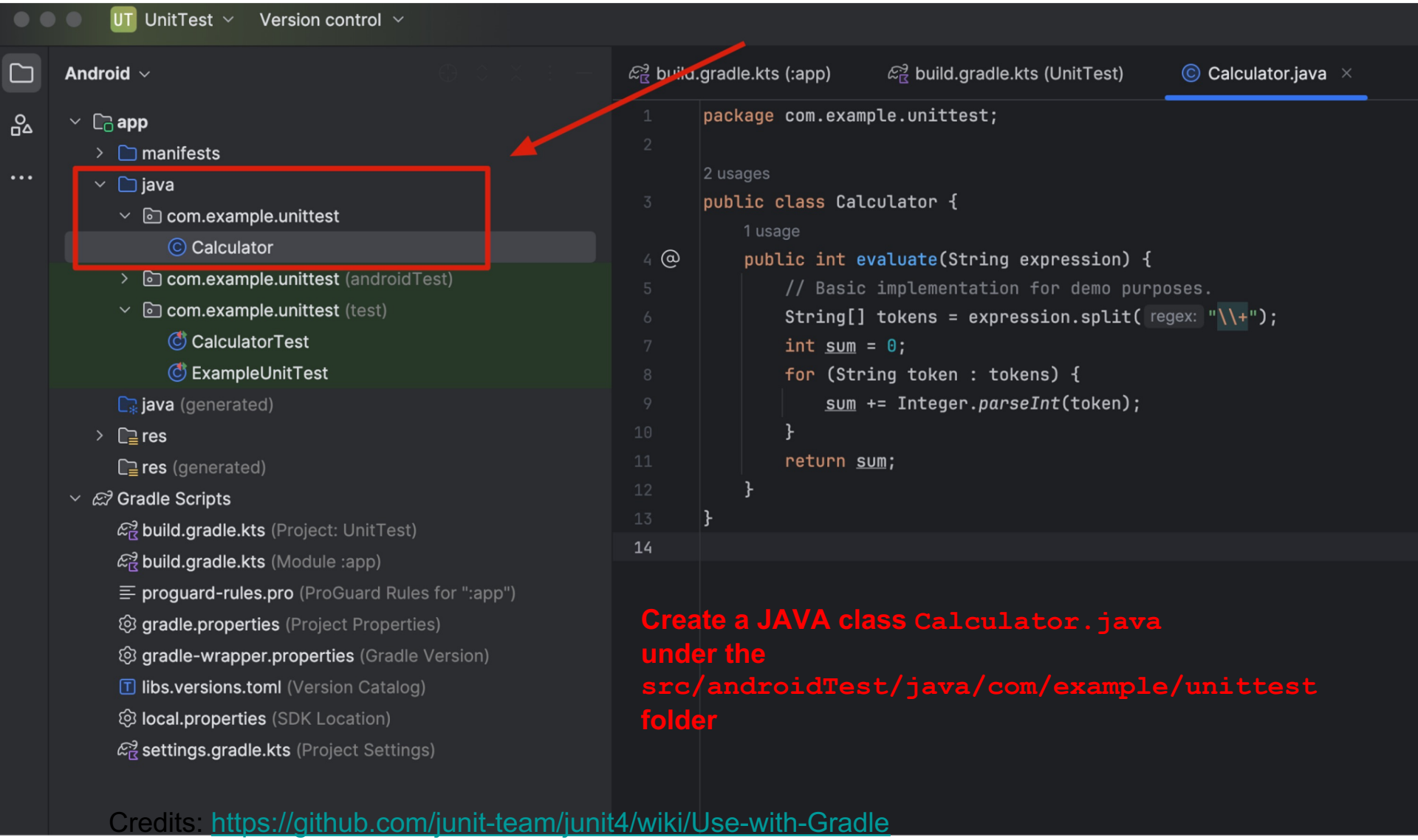

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```
package com.example.unittest;

public class Calculator {
    public int evaluate(String expression) {
        // Basic implementation for demo purposes.
        String[] tokens = expression.split("\\+");
        int sum = 0;
        for (String token : tokens) {
            sum += Integer.parseInt(token);
        }
        return sum;
    }
}
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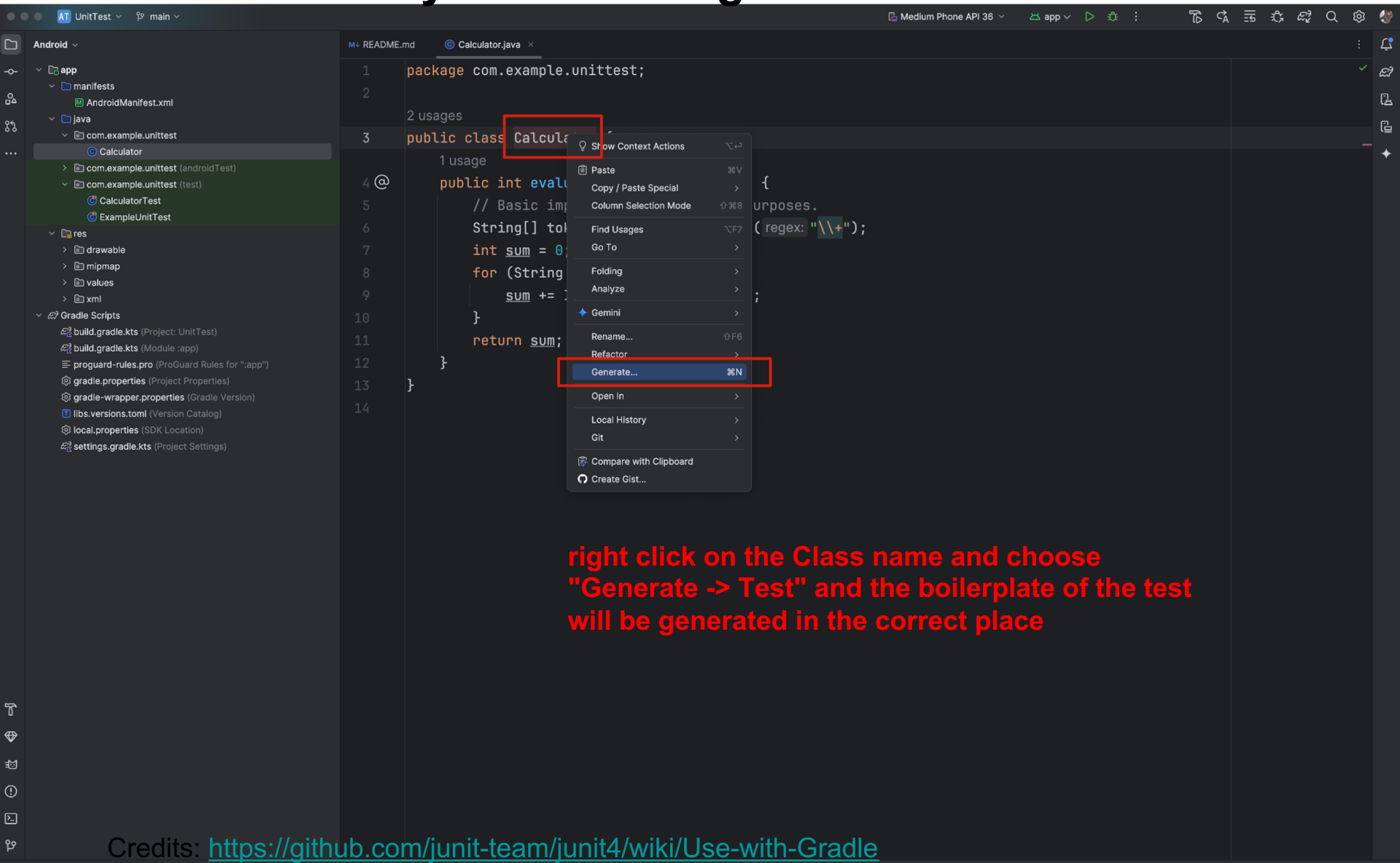

right click on the Class name and choose "Generate -> Test" and the boilerplate of the test will be generated in the correct place

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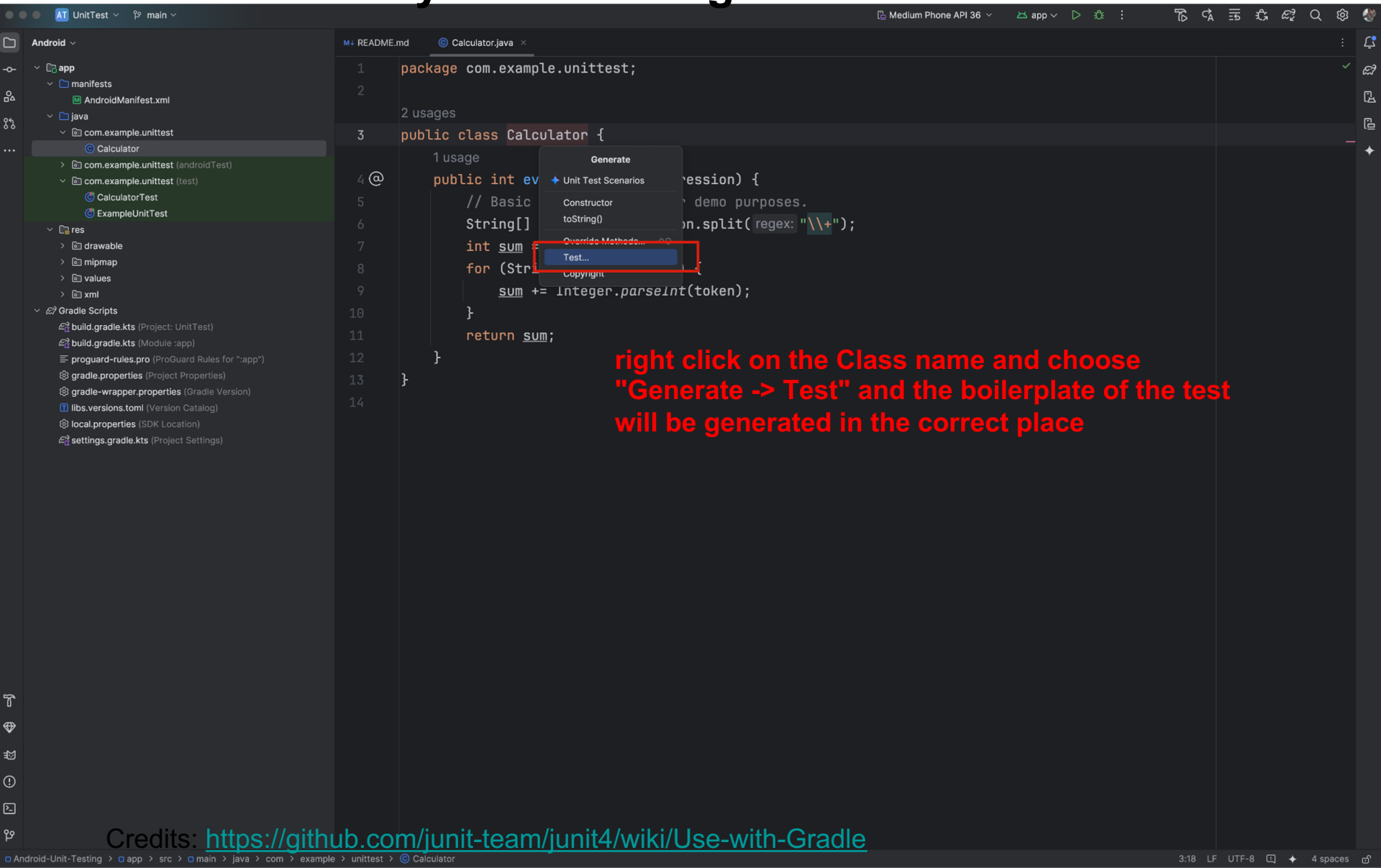

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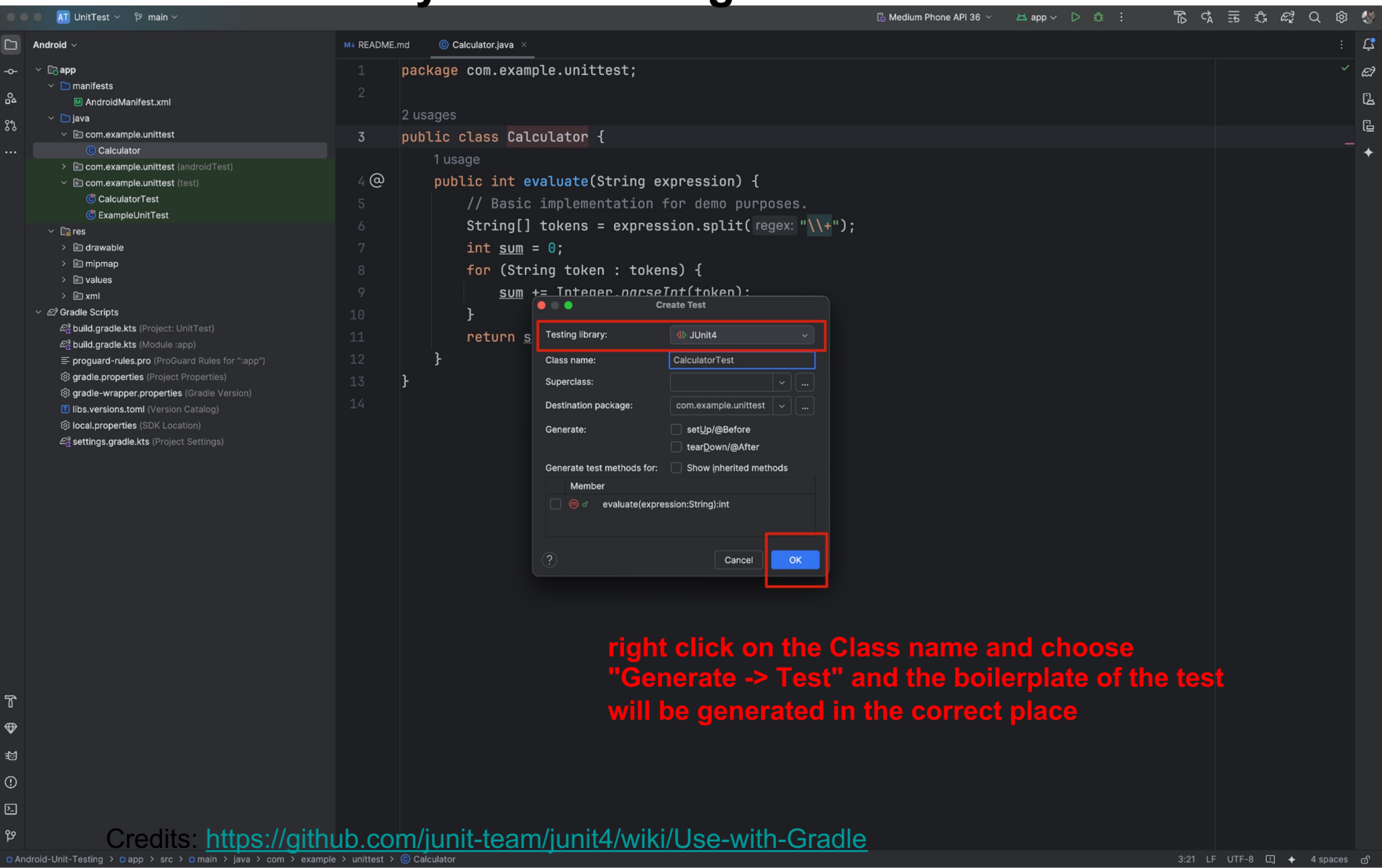

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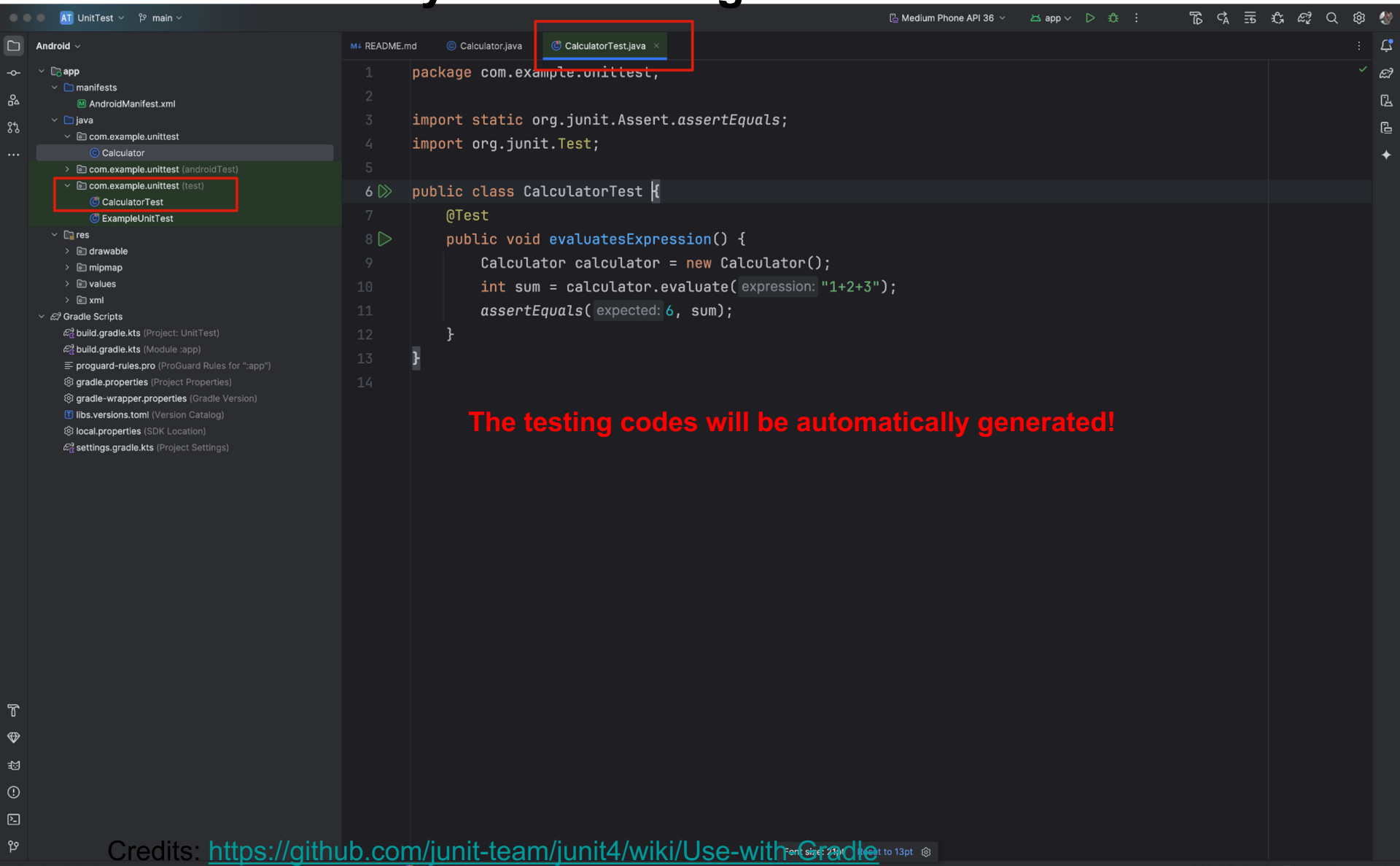

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Open your terminal and go to the project folder

```
$ cd Desktop/UnitTest/
```

Then run the unit testing

```
$ ./gradlew test
```

Check the code if you need it: Android-Unit-Testing

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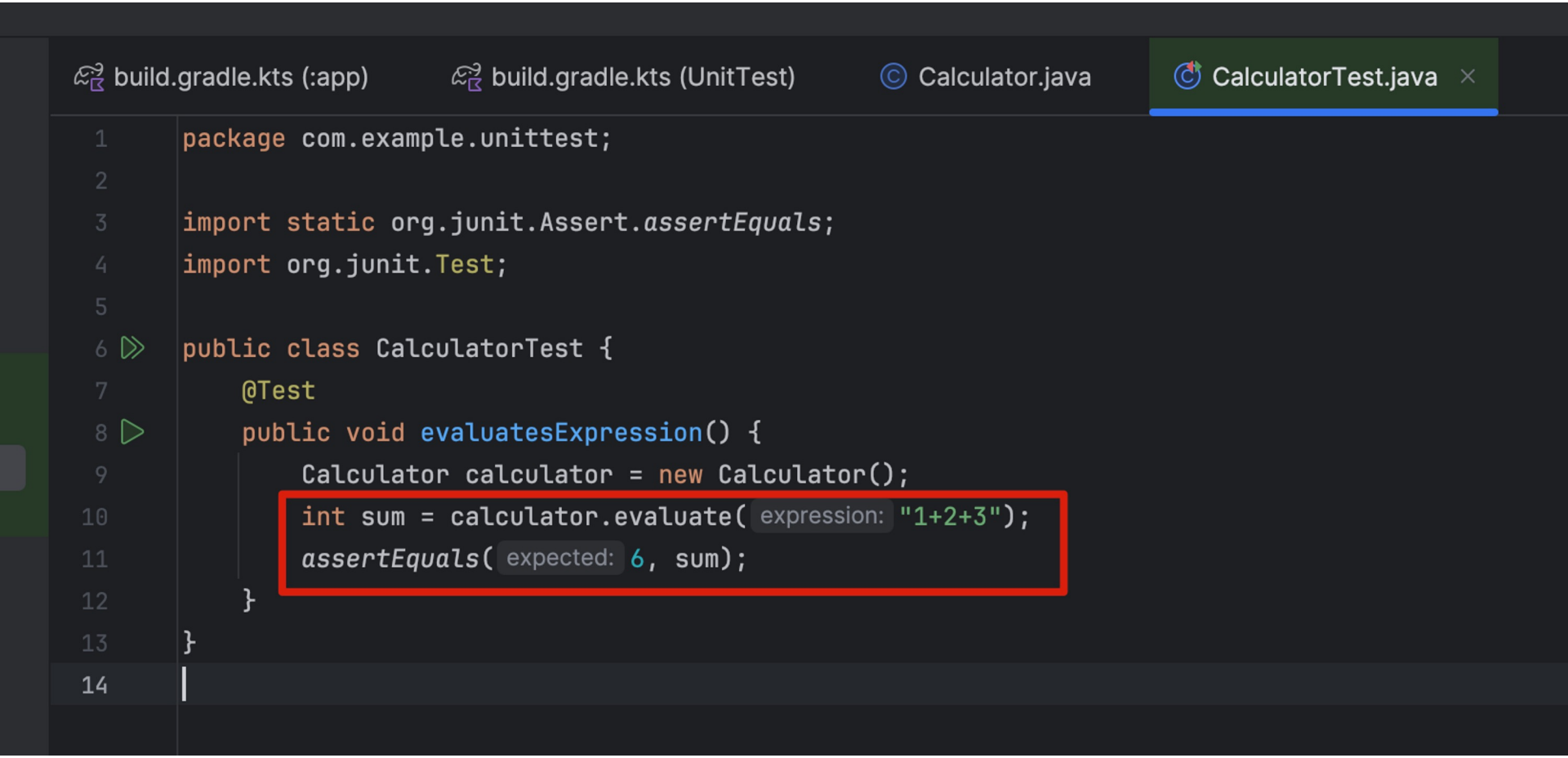

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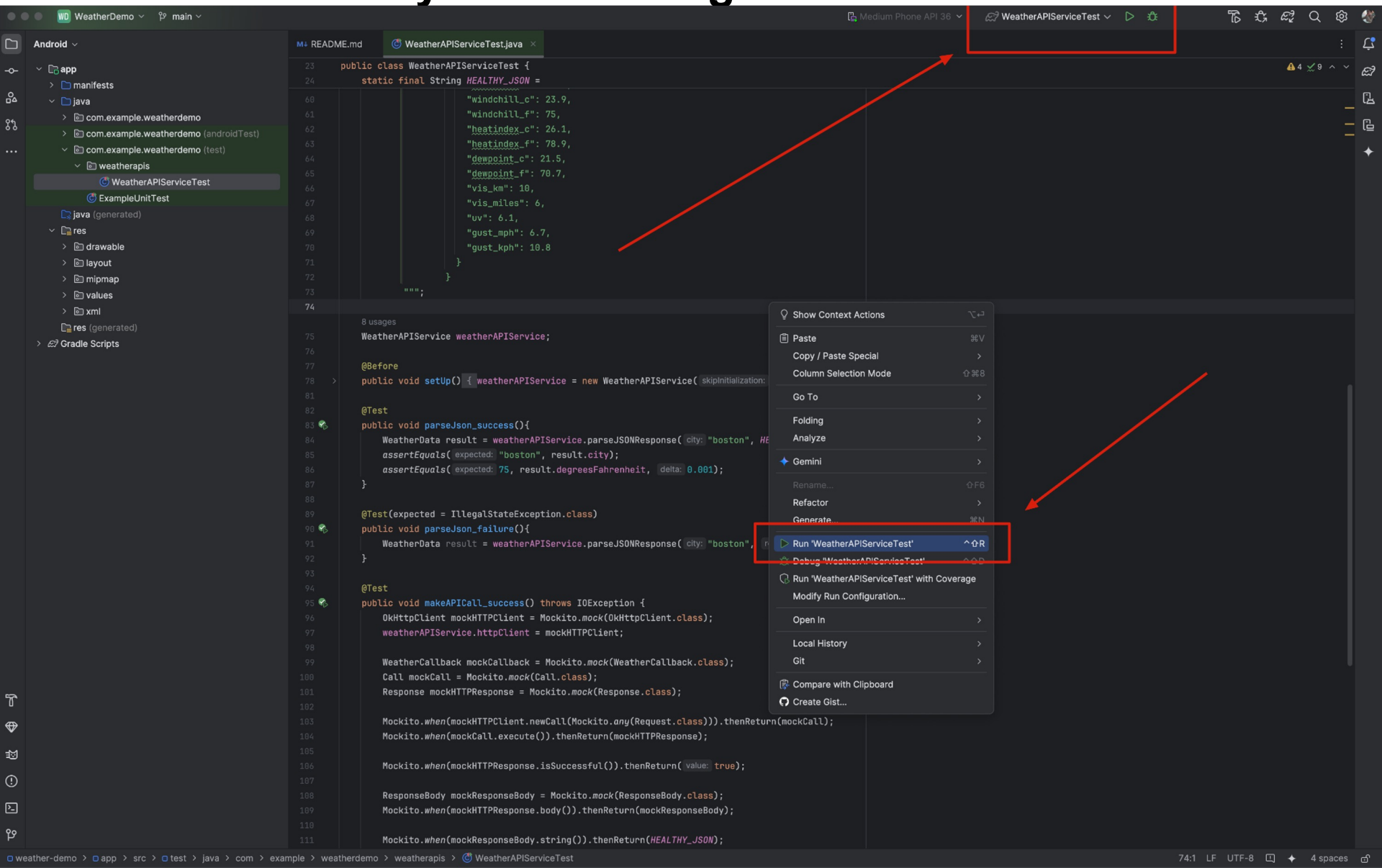

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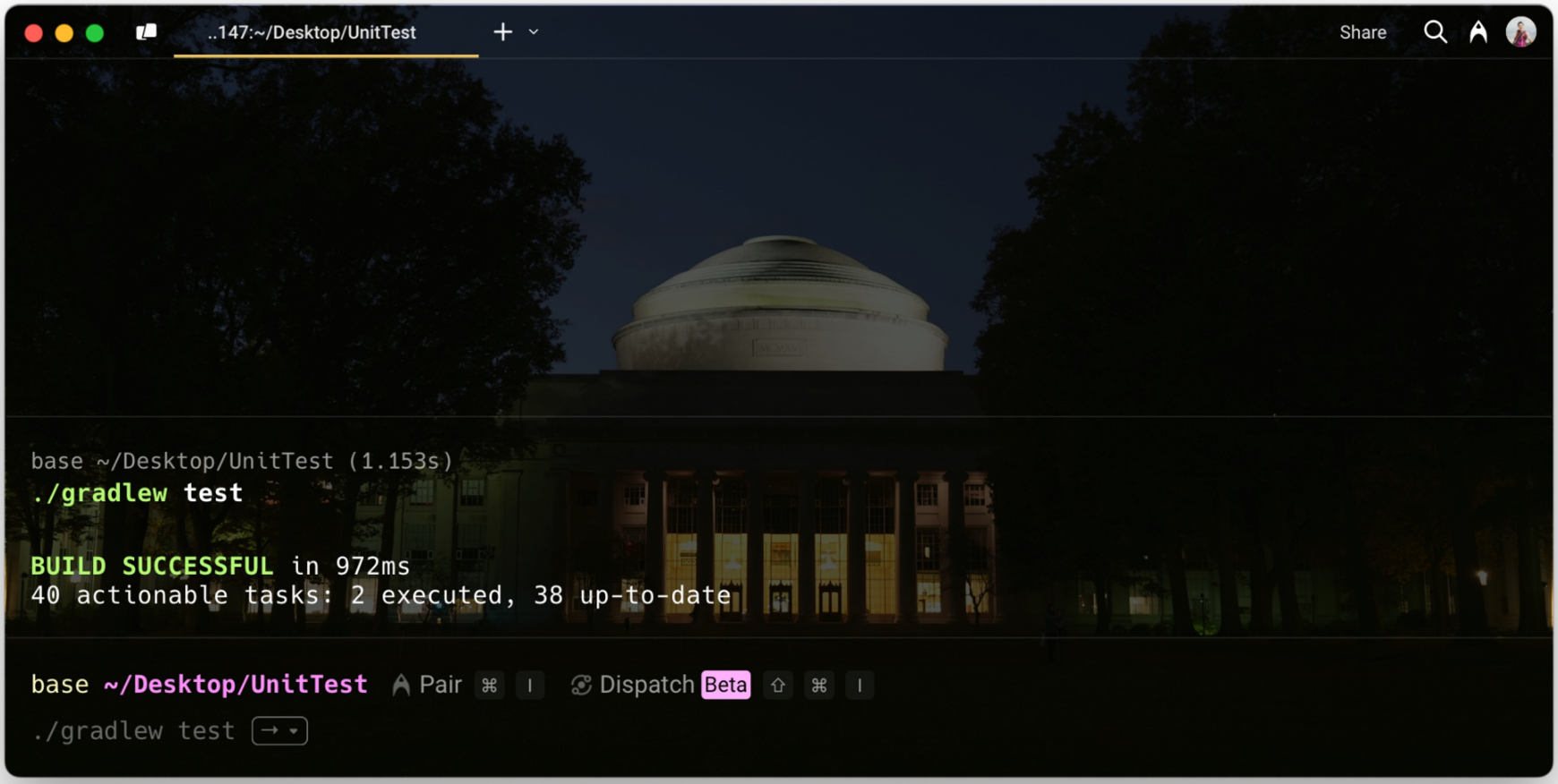

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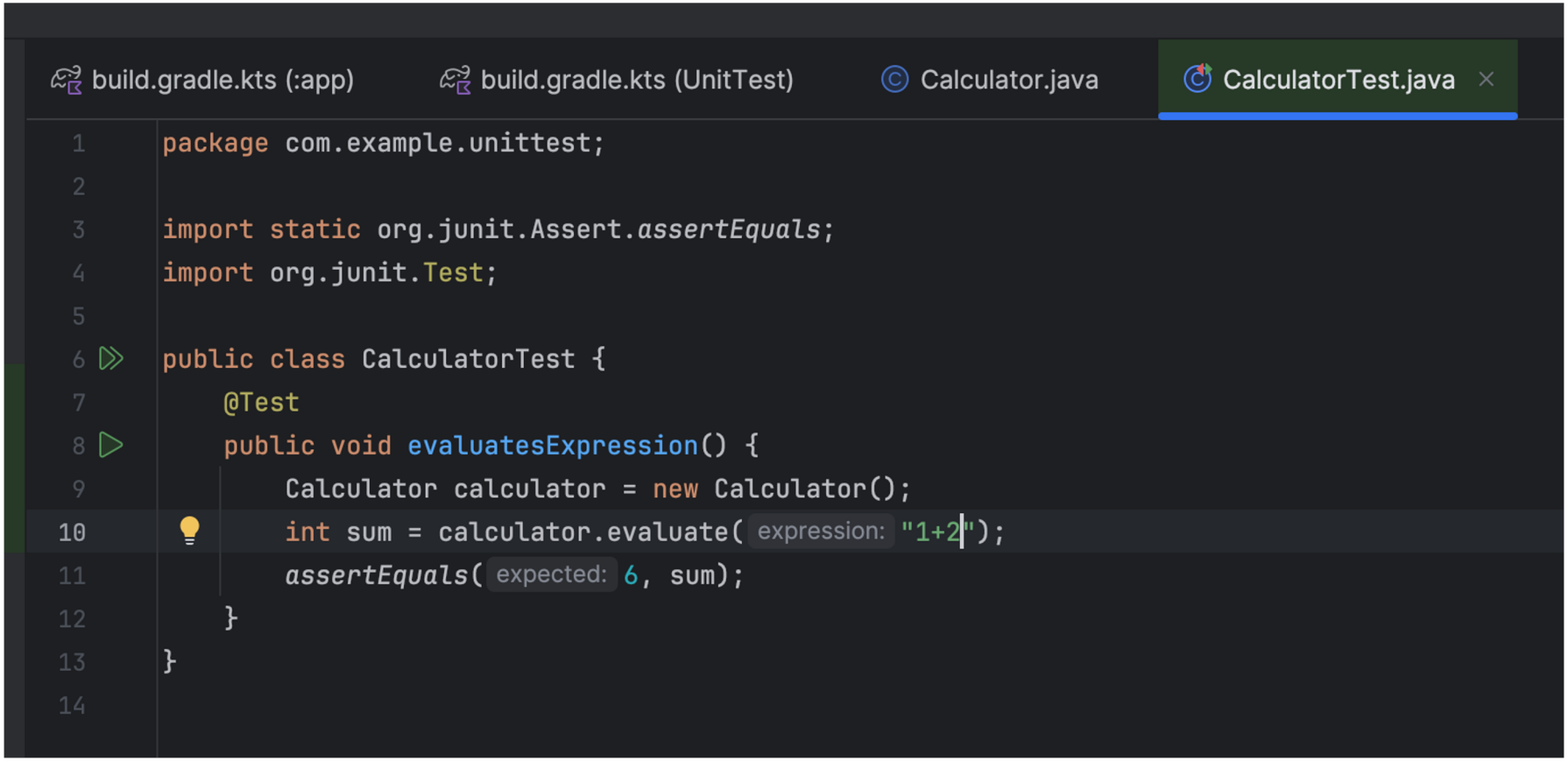

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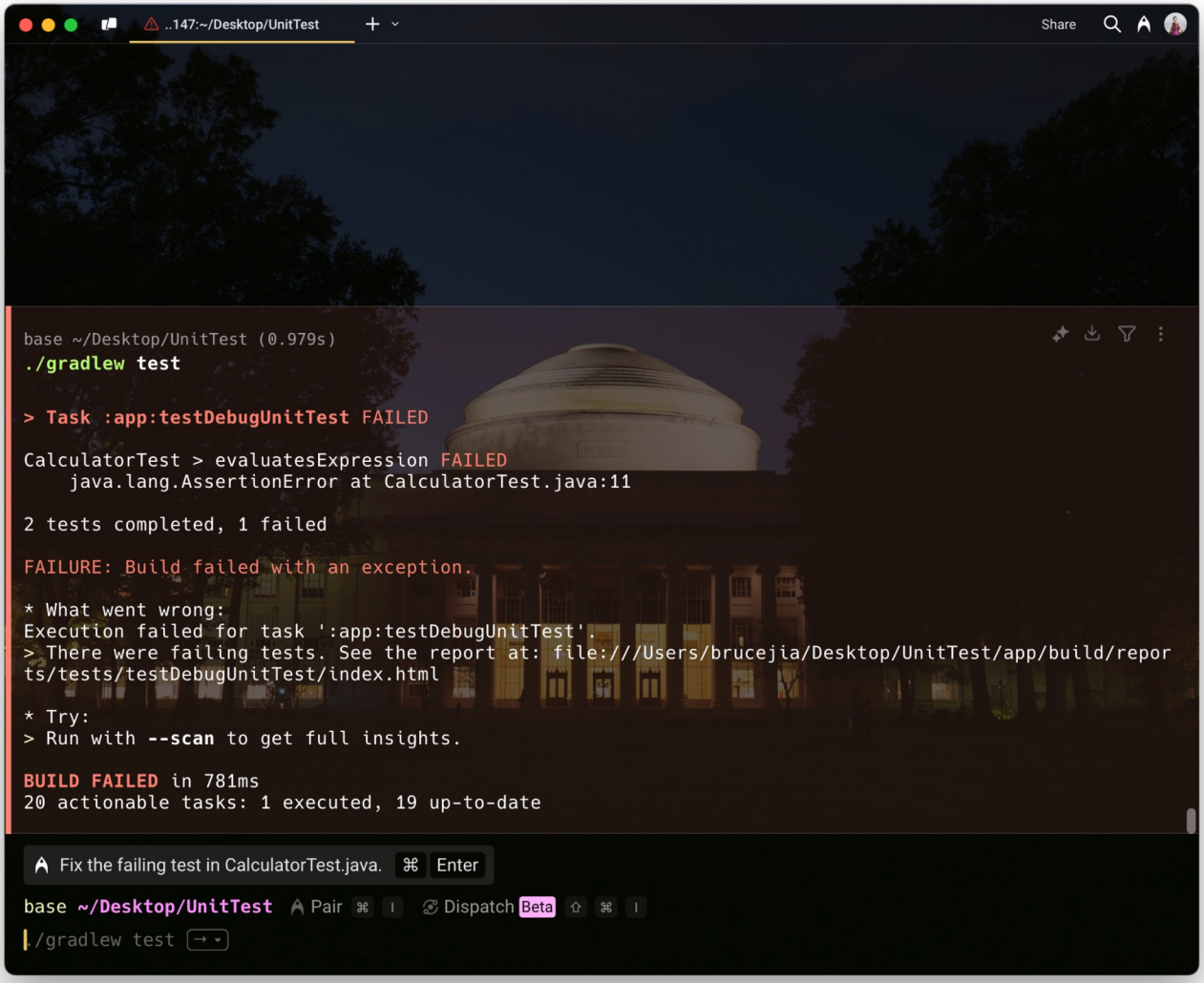

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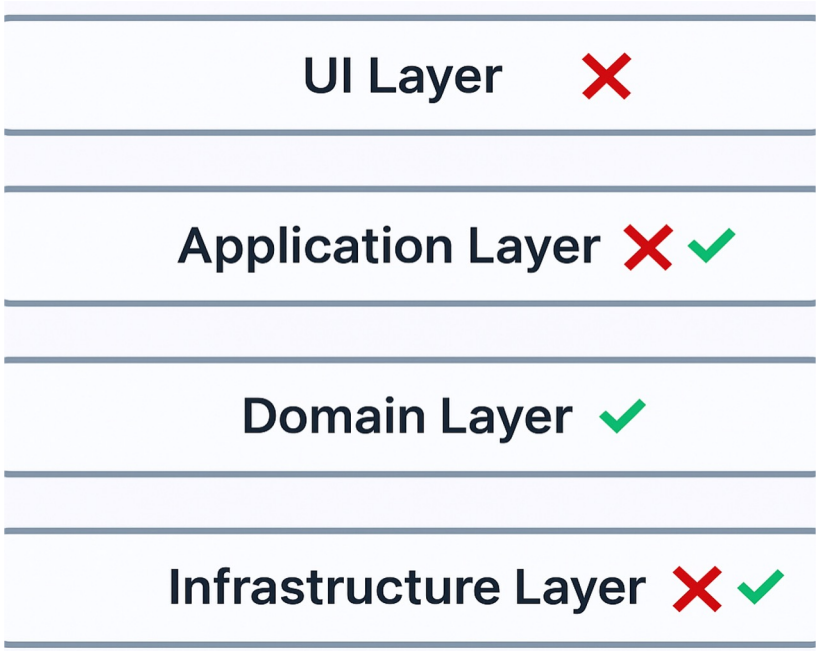
Part 3 — Unit Testing Constraints



Unit Test is not aware of **Nullability**

Don't use **Singleton**

Static Methods has hidden dependencies, so can not be substituted

Credits: https://www.slideshare.net/slideshow/unit-testing-in-android-156437598/156437598#15

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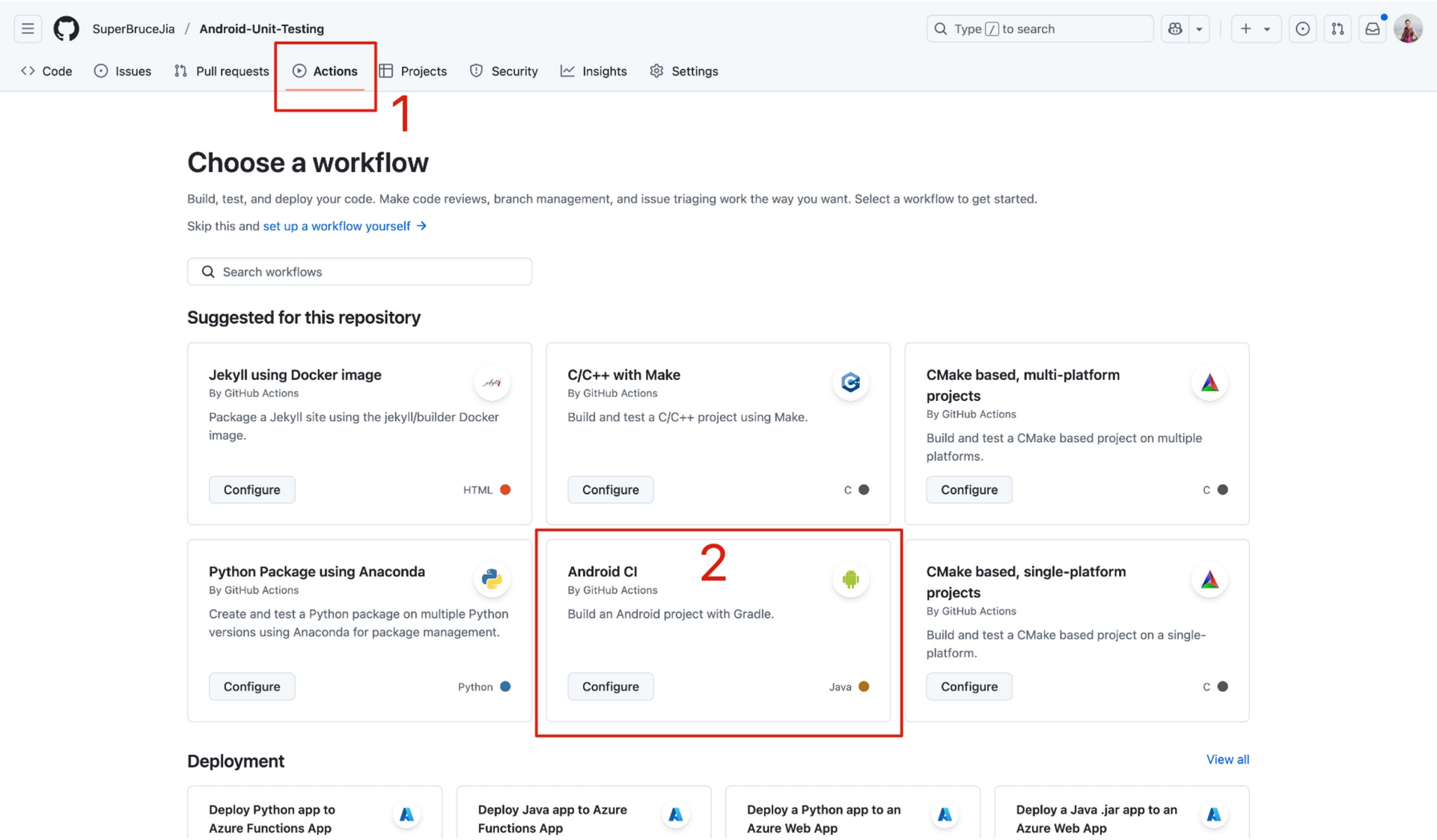

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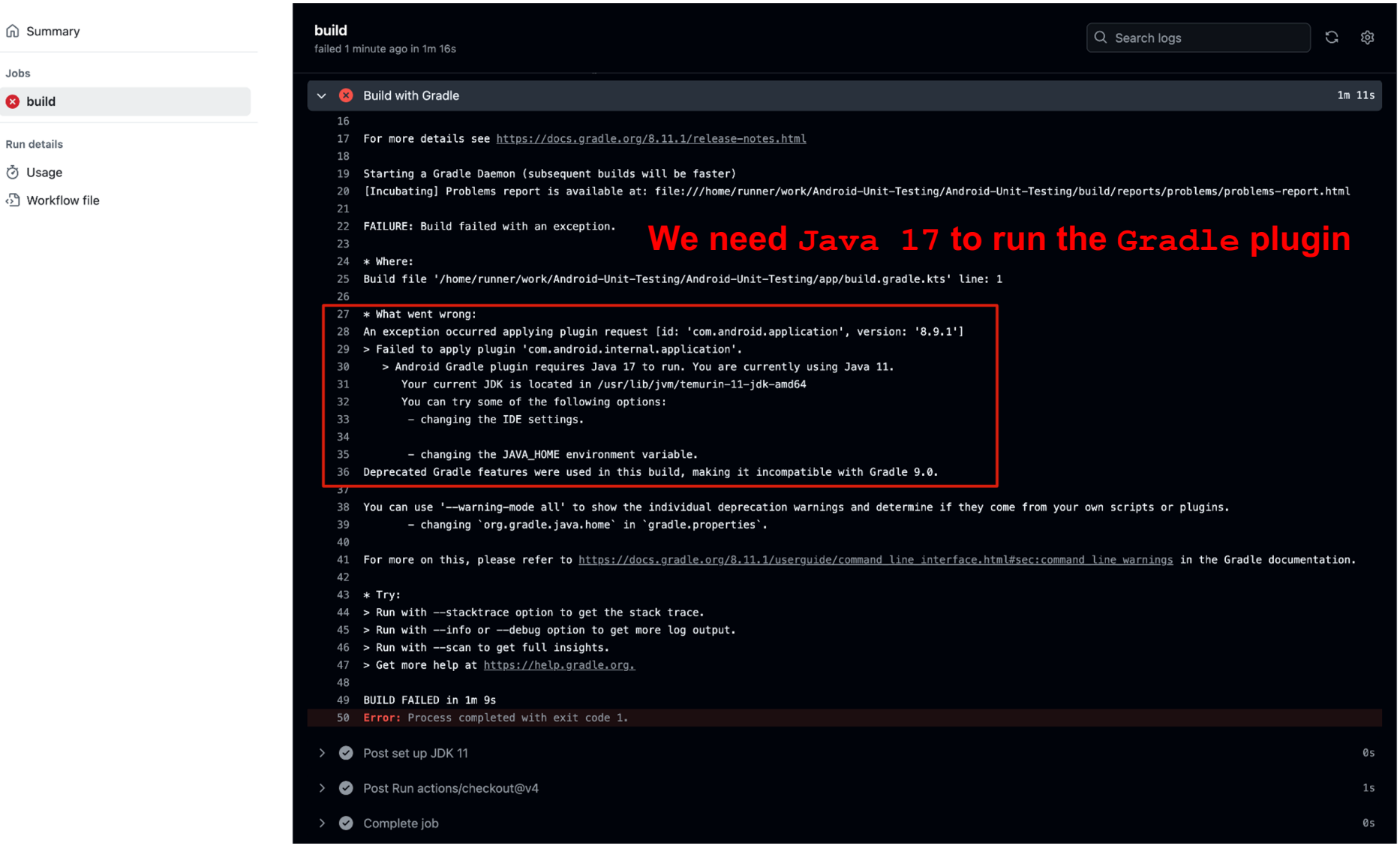

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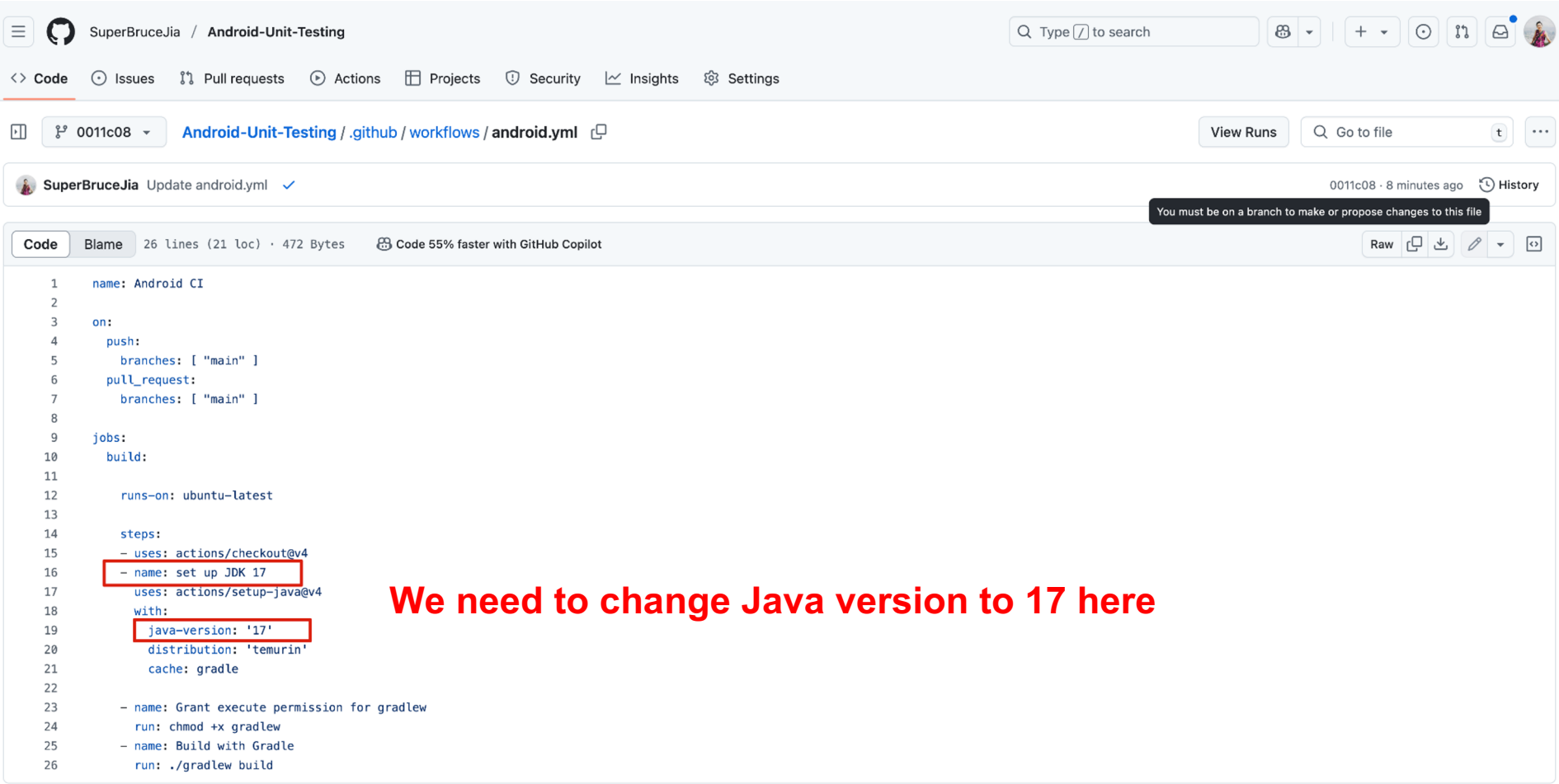

We need to change Java version to 17 here

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“Take care of everything for you”

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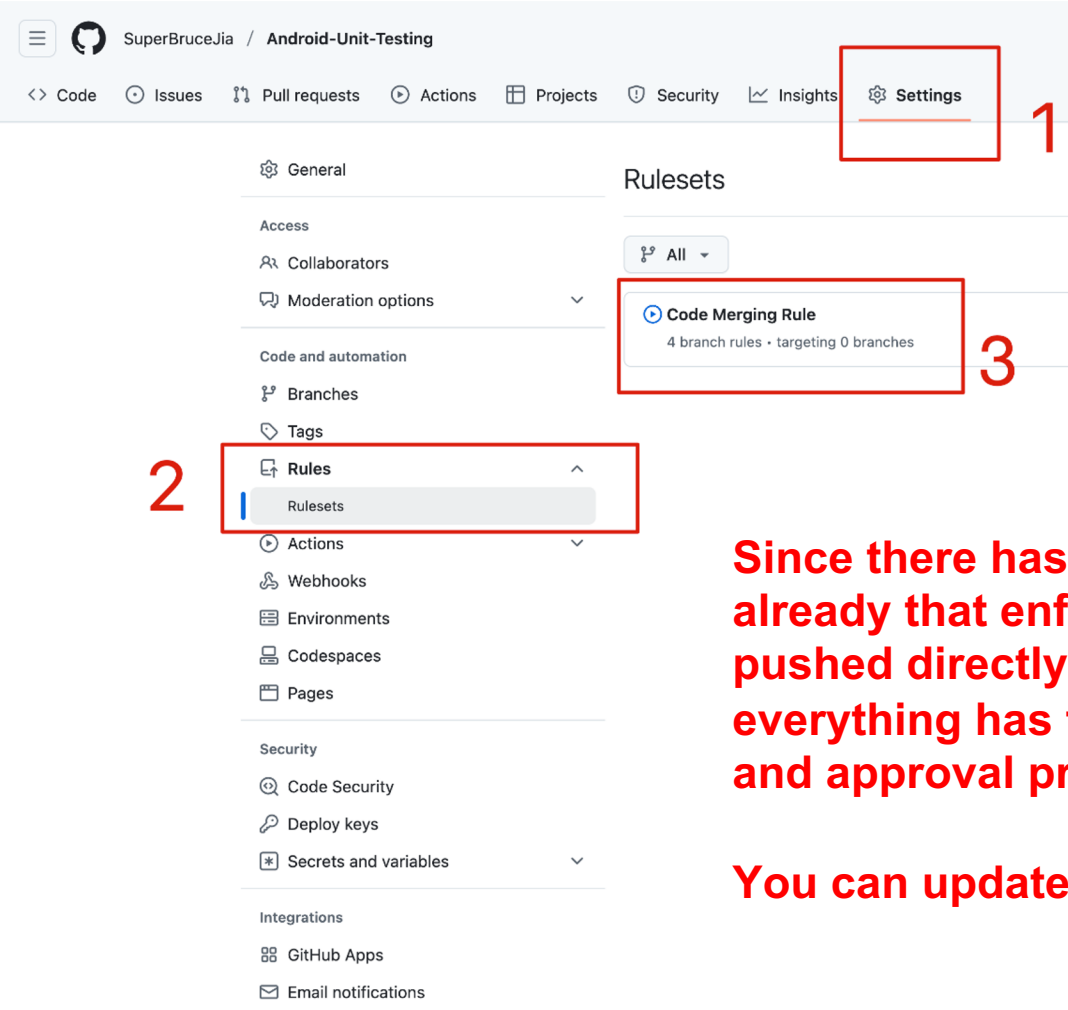

Since there has been a rule set created already that enforces that nothing can be pushed directly to the main branch - everything has to go through a pull request and approval process before being merged.

You can update the existing rule!

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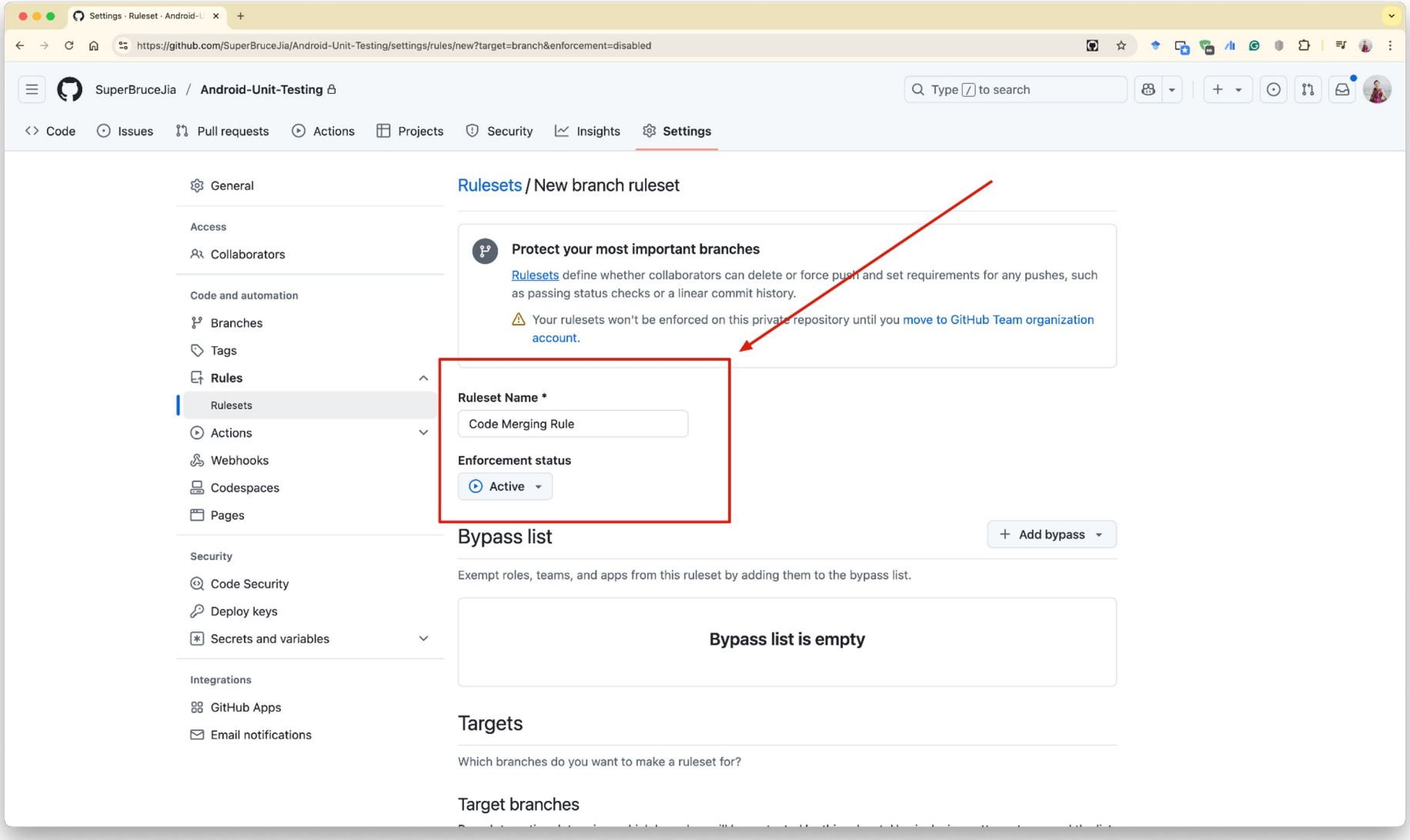

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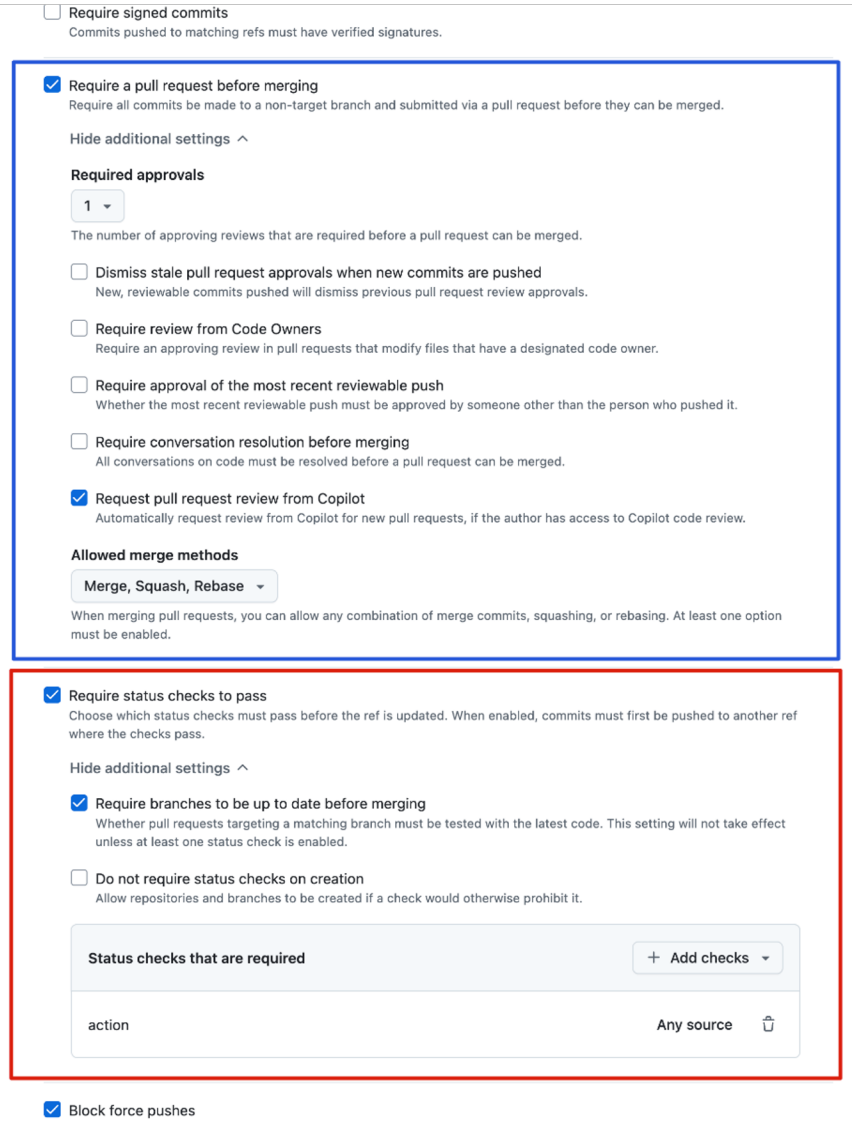
This has been set for all of you

pull requests cannot be merged until all the testing has passed



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We need these two dependencies in the `build.gradle` file:

```
testImplementation("org.mockito:mockito-core:5.11.0")
testImplementation("androidx.arch.core:core-testing:2.2.0")
```

Credits: https://github.com/BU-EC327-Spring2025/weather-demo/blob/main/app/build.gradle.kts#L43-L56

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import necessary packages and dependencies:

For `Mockito` framework:

```
import org.junit.Before;
import org.junit.Test;
import org.mockito.Mockito;
```

For `@RunWith(AndroidJUnit4.class)` framework:

```
import androidx.test.ext.junit.runners.AndroidJUnit4;
import org.junit.Test;
import org.junit.runner.RunWith;
```

Credits:
[1]https://github.com/BU-EC327-Spring2025/weather-demo/blob/main/app/src/test/java/com/example/weatherdemo/weatherapis/WeatherAPIServiceTest.java
[2]https://github.com/BU-EC327-Spring2025/weather-demo/blob/main/app/src/androidTest/java/com/example/weatherdemo/DependencyManagerTest.java

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WeatherAPIServiceTest.java

```
23  public class WeatherAPIServiceTest {
        2 usages
24      static final String HEALTHY_JSON =
25              """
26                      {
27                        "location": {
28                          "name": "Boson",
29                          "region": "West Java",
30                          "country": "Indonesia",
31                          "lat": -6.975,
32                          "lon": 106.9983,
33                          "tz_id": "Asia/Jakarta",
34                          "localtime_epoch": 1744683387,
35                          "localtime": "2025-04-15 09:16"
36                        },
37                        "current": {
38                          "last_updated_epoch": 1744683300,
39                          "last_updated": "2025-04-15 09:15",
40
41
42                          "is_day": 1,
```

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WeatherAPIServiceTest.java

just testing json parsing

```
23  public class WeatherAPIServiceTest {
        8 usages
75      WeatherAPIService weatherAPIService;
76
77      @Before
78      public void setUp() { weatherAPIService = new WeatherAPIService( skipInitialization: true); }
81
82      @Test
83      public void parseJson_success(){
84          WeatherData result = weatherAPIService.parseJSONResponse( city: "boston", HEALTHY_JSON);
85          assertEquals( expected: "boston", result.city);
86          assertEquals( expected: 75, result.degreesFahrenheit,  delta: 0.001);
87      }
88
89      @Test(expected = IllegalStateException.class)
90      public void parseJson_failure(){
91          WeatherData result = weatherAPIService.parseJSONResponse( city: "boston",  result: "<corrupt-json>");
92      }
93
```

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WeatherAPIServiceTest.java

```
23  public class WeatherAPIServiceTest {
94      @Test
95      public void makeAPICall_success() throws IOException {
96          OkHttpClient mockHTTPClient = Mockito.mock(OkHttpClient.class);
97          weatherAPIService.httpClient = mockHTTPClient;
98
99          WeatherCallback mockCallback = Mockito.mock(WeatherCallback.class);
100         Call mockCall = Mockito.mock(Call.class);
101         Response mockHTTPResponse = Mockito.mock(Response.class);
102
103         Mockito.when(mockHTTPClient.newCall(Mockito.any(Request.class))).thenReturn(mockCall);
104         Mockito.when(mockCall.execute()).thenReturn(mockHTTPResponse);
105
106         Mockito.when(mockHTTPResponse.isSuccessful()).thenReturn( value: true);
107
108         ResponseBody mockResponseBody = Mockito.mock(ResponseBody.class);
109         Mockito.when(mockHTTPResponse.body()).thenReturn(mockResponseBody);
110
111         Mockito.when(mockResponseBody.string()).thenReturn(HEALTHY_JSON);
112
113         weatherAPIService.makeAPICall( city: "test-city", mockCallback);
114
115         Mockito.verify(mockCallback).onSuccess(new WeatherData( city: "test-city",  degreesFahrenheit: 75));
116     }
```

mock out httpClient and mainThreadHandler and cover the code in WeatherAPIService around the logic of making that API call and handling its result

standard Java JUnit + Mockito unit test. There is nothing Android specific there

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```
@Test
public void makeAPICall_failure() throws IOException {
    OkHttpClient mockHTTPClient = Mockito.mock(OkHttpClient.class);
    Handler mockHandler = Mockito.mock(Handler.class);

    weatherAPIService.httpClient = mockHTTPClient;
    weatherAPIService.mainThreadHandler = mockHandler;

    WeatherCallback mockCallback = Mockito.mock(WeatherCallback.class);
    Call mockCall = Mockito.mock(Call.class);
    Response mockHTTPResponse = Mockito.mock(Response.class);

    Mockito.when(mockHTTPClient.newCall(Mockito.any(Request.class))).thenReturn(mockCall);
    Mockito.when(mockCall.execute()).thenReturn(mockHTTPResponse);

    Mockito.when(mockHTTPResponse.isSuccessful()).thenReturn( value: false);

    weatherAPIService.makeAPICall( city: "test-city", mockCallback);

    Mockito.verify(mockHandler).post(Mockito.any(Runnable.class));
}
```

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WeatherAPIServiceTest.java | DependencyManagerTest.java

```java
package com.example.weatherdemo;

import androidx.test.ext.junit.runners.AndroidJUnit4;

import org.junit.Test;
import org.junit.runner.RunWith;

import static org.junit.Assert.assertEquals;

import com.example.weatherdemo.weatherapis.WeatherService;

@RunWith(AndroidJUnit4.class)
public class DependencyManagerTest {
    @Test
    public void getWeatherService_openMeteo(){
        WeatherApplication application = new WeatherApplication();
        WeatherService result = DependencyManager.getWeatherService(application);

        assertEquals( expected: "Open Meteo", result.implementationDescription());
    }

    @Test
    public void getWeatherService_weatherAPI(){
        WeatherApplication application = new WeatherApplication();
        application.setApiSpinnerValue("Weather API");
        WeatherService result = DependencyManager.getWeatherService(application);

        assertEquals( expected: "Weather API", result.implementationDescription());
    }
}
```

- for anything that touches an Android UI component, or an Android activity, or an Android main thread, we need to use `@RunWith(AndroidJUnit4.class)`
- these tests will be sigificantly slower because they will need to start the emulator and will get executed on the emnulator instead of just in the JVM

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- Run a **specific** Instrumented Test Class

```
$ ./gradlew connectedAndroidTest -
Pandroid.testInstrumentationRunnerArguments.class=com.exam
ple.weatherdemo.DependencyManagerTest
```

- Run a **specific** Instrumented Test Class

```
$ ./gradlew connectedAndroidTest -
Pandroid.testInstrumentationRunnerArguments.class=com.exam
ple.weatherdemo.DependencyManagerTest#methodName
```

- Run **All** Instrumented Tests

```
$ ./gradlew connectedAndroidTest test
```

- **Clean** all build artifacts and test results

```
$ ./gradlew clean
```

- **Clean** and then **run** all tests

```
$ ./gradlew clean test connectedAndroidTest
```

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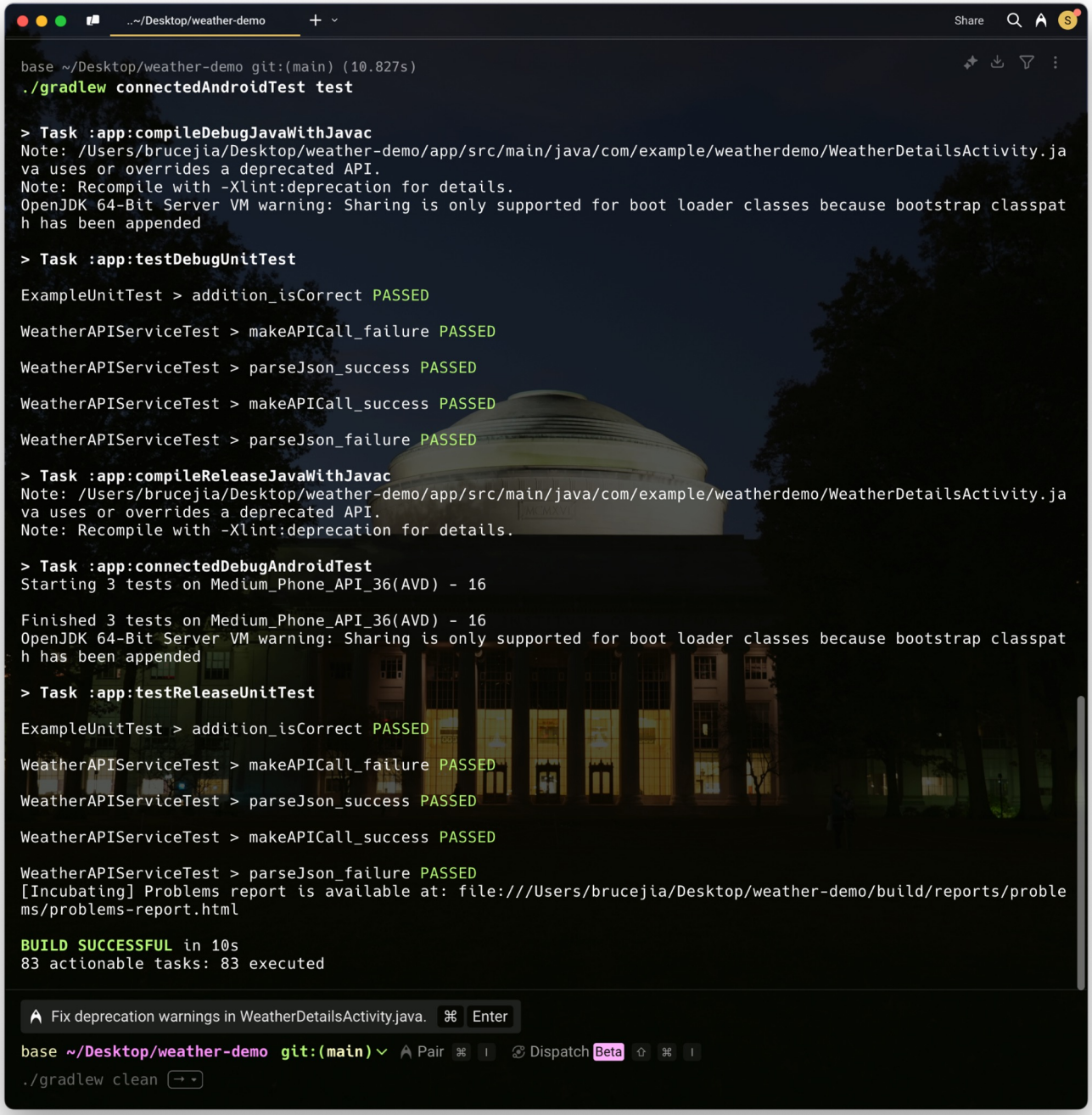
Instrumented Test Class



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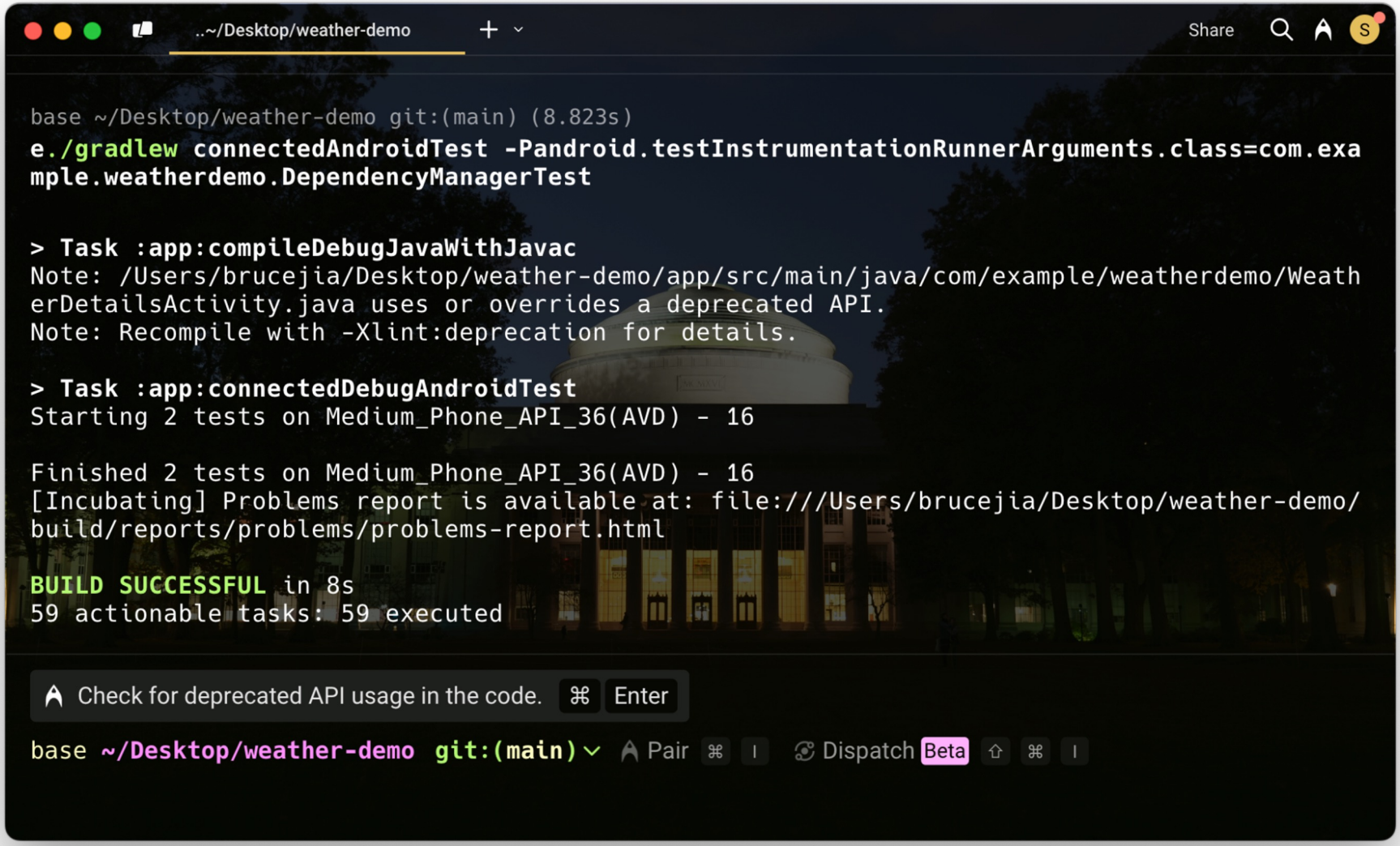

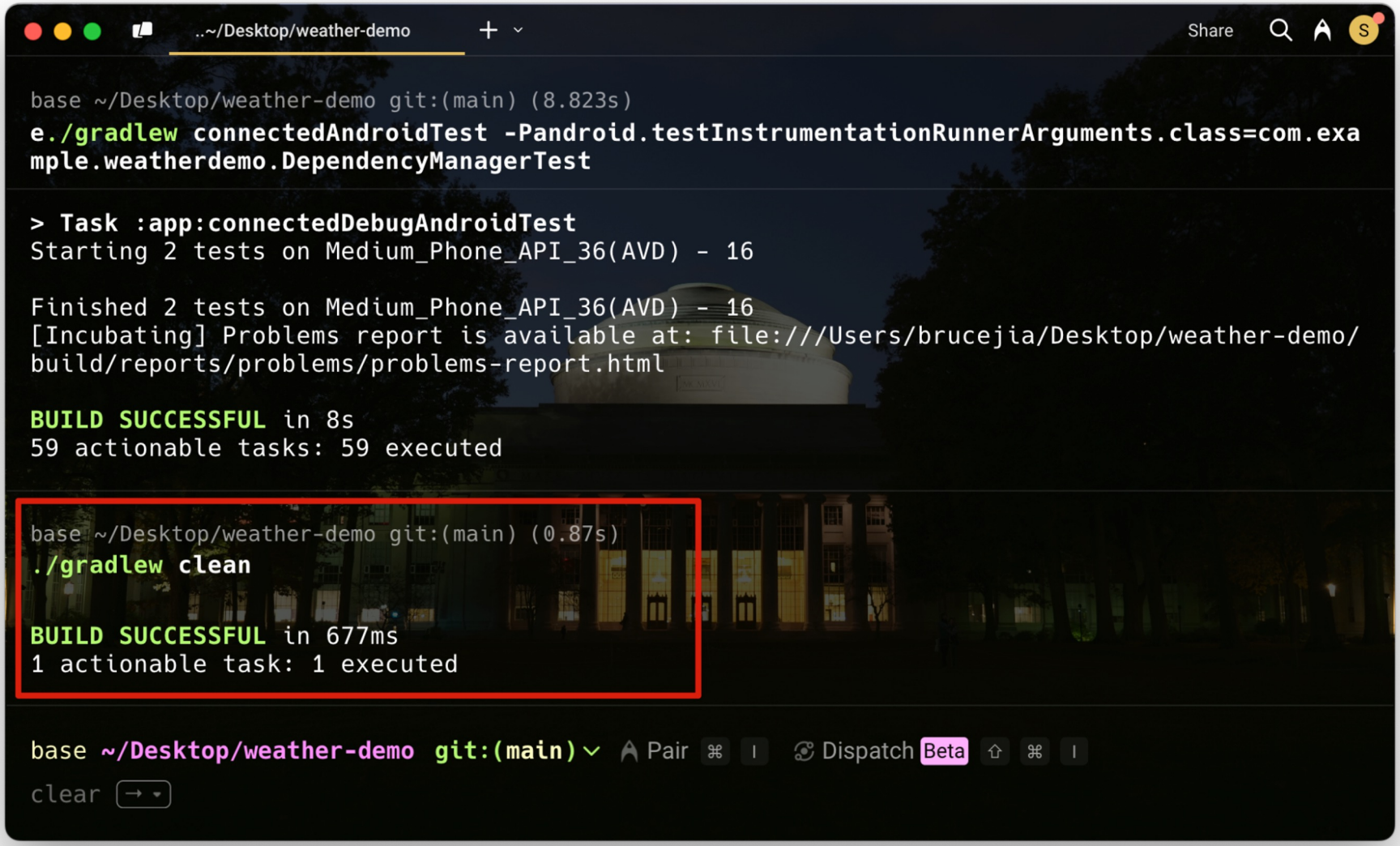
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e./gradlew connectedAndroidTest -Pandroid.testInstrumentationRunnerArguments.class=com.example.weatherdemo.DependencyManagerTest
> Task :app:connectedDebugAndroidTest
Starting 2 tests on Medium_Phone_API_36(AVD) - 16
Finished 2 tests on Medium_Phone_API_36(AVD) - 16
[Incubating] Problems report is available at: file:///Users/brucejia/Desktop/weather-demo/build/reports/problems/problems-report.html
BUILD SUCCESSFUL in 8s
59 actionable tasks: 59 executed
base ~/Desktop/weather-demo git:(main) (0.87s)
./gradlew clean
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Dispatch
Beta
clear

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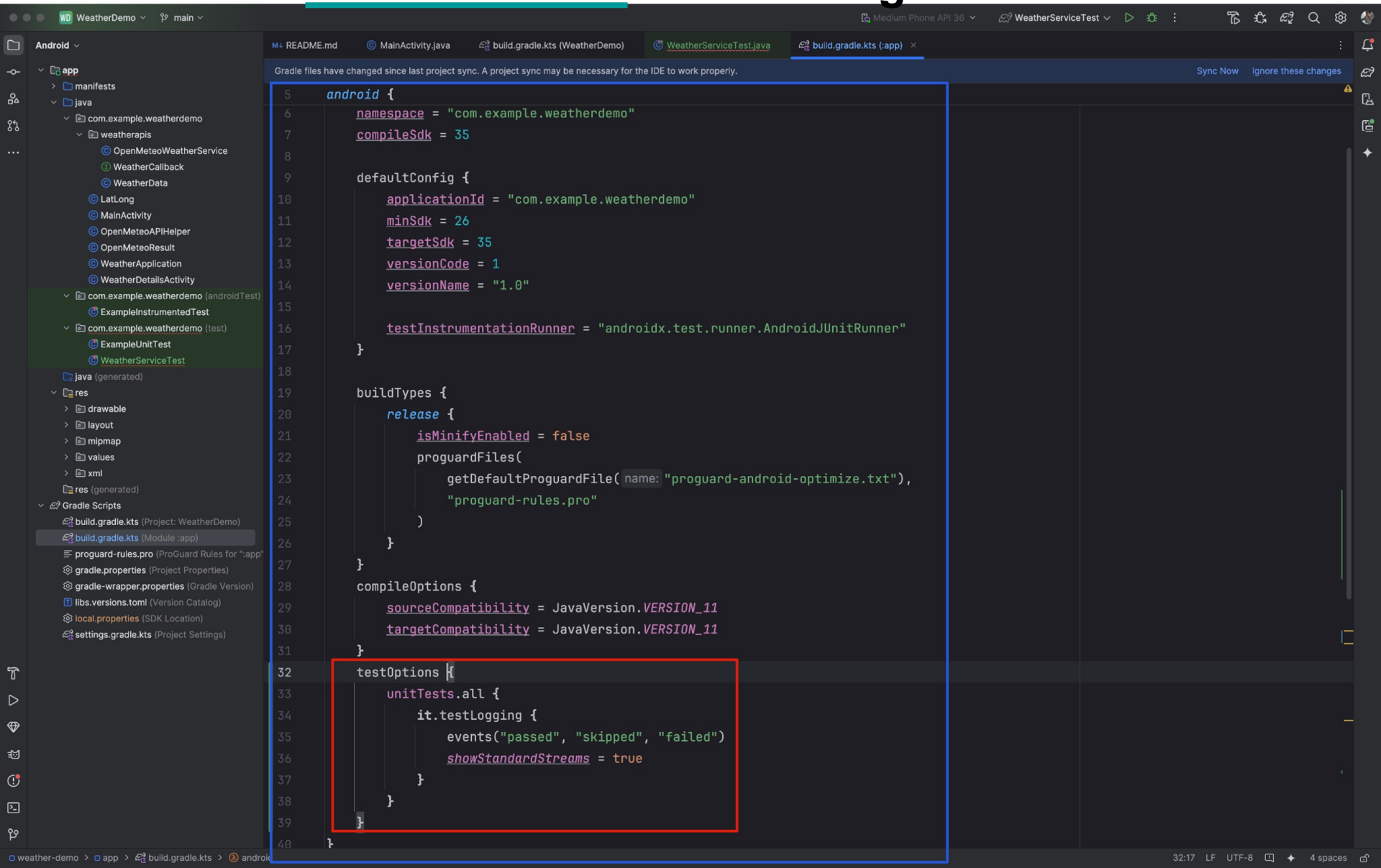

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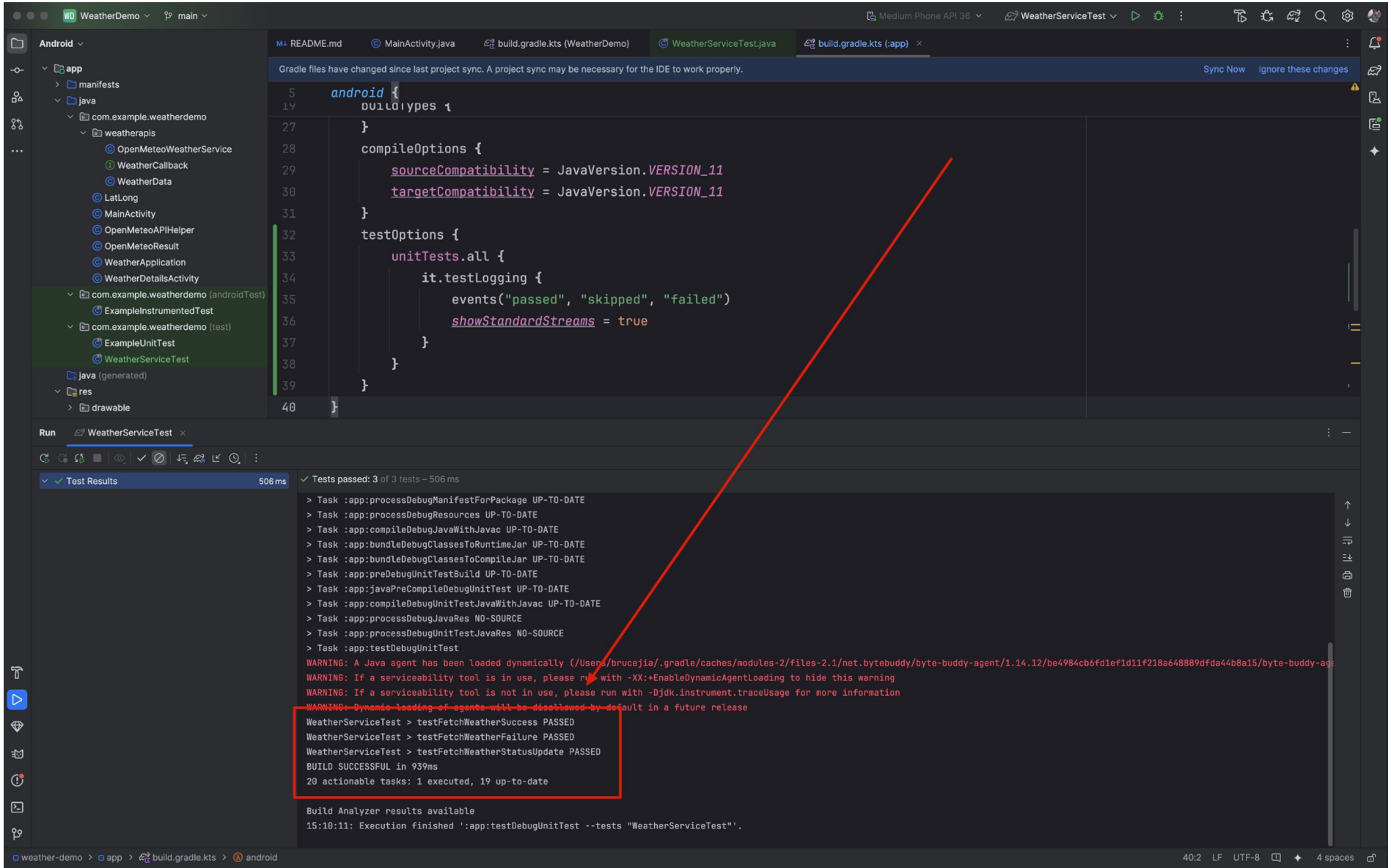
You can add your `testOptions {}` inside the `android {}`

```
android {
    …

    testOptions {
        unitTests.all {
            it.testLogging {
                events("passed", "skipped", "failed")
                showStandardStreams = true
            }
        }
    }
}
```

Part 6 — Weather Demo Unit Testing



Part 7 — Takeaway

Use **Google Test** for **C++** codes

Use **JUnit with Gradle** for **Android Java/Kotlin** codes

Use **`Android CI`** with **GitHub Actions** for Android Testing

Setting **Rules** on GitHub for **code merging**

Use **`Mockito`** to replace any **network**, **file system**, or **async behavior with canned responses**

Use **`@RunWith(AndroidJUnit4.class)`** for **Android UI components**, **Android activity**, or **Android main thread**

Use **`testOptions`** for **testing event report**

Part 7 — Takeaway (Credits and Links)

Google Test for **C++** codes

Android-Unit-Testing/tree/main/GoogleTest/tests

Use **JUnit with Gradle** for **Android Java/Kotlin** codes

[1] Android-Unit-Testing

[2] weatherdemo/weatherapis/WeatherAPIServiceTest.java

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weatherdemo/weatherapis/WeatherAPIServiceTest.java

Use `@RunWith(AndroidJUnit4.class)` for **Android UI components**, **Android activity**, or **Android main thread**

weatherdemo/DependencyManagerTest.java

Use `testOptions` for **testing event report**

weather-demo/blob/main/app/build.gradle.kts

Thank you very much for your attention!