

P5. Expense App

Expense is a money spending and analysis tracking app. Using this app, we trace how much we spend on what items.

1. Data Structure

- Transaction class

Transaction Class

- The Transaction class contains the information to constitute one transaction entity.

```
class Transaction {  
    final String id; final String title;  
    final double amount; final DateTime date;  
  
    Transaction({  
        this.id, this.title,  
        this.amount, this.date,  
    });  
}
```

- Normally, a database system is used to store this transaction.
- For simplicity, use a list of transactions.

```
final List<Transaction> _userTransactions = [];
```

- We use the `_addNewTransaction()` service function to add a new transaction to the list.

```
void _addNewTransaction(  
    String txTitle, double txAmount, DateTime chosenDate) {  
    final newTx = Transaction(  
        title: txTitle, amount: txAmount, date: chosenDate,  
        id: DateTime.now().toString(),  
    );  
    // add to the list and redraw  
    setState(() {_userTransactions.add(newTx);});  
}
```

2. Service functions

- This application has many service functions.
- They are all closely related to corresponding user interfaces, so they are explained in the user interface section.

3. User interface

- main.dart
- NewTransaction (new_transaction.dart)
- TransactionList (transaction_list.dart)
- ChartBar (chart_bar.dart)
- Chart (chart.dart)

main.dart

- It has the classic Flutter program structure.

```
void main() => runApp(MyApp());  
class MyApp extends StatelessWidget {  
  Widget build(BuildContext context) {  
    return MaterialApp(home: MyHomePage(),);  
  }  
}  
class MyHomePage extends StatefulWidget {  
  _MyHomePageState createState() => _MyHomePageState();  
}  
class _MyHomePageState extends State<MyHomePage> { ... }
```

`_MyHomePageState` widget structure

```
Widget build(BuildContext context) {  
  return Scaffold(  
    appBar: AppBar(title: Text('Personal Expenses', ),  
      actions: <Widget>[IconButton(... )],  
    ),  
    body: SingleChildScrollView(  
      child: Column(  
        children: <Widget>[  
          Chart(_recentTransactions),  
          TransactionList(_userTransactions, _deleteTransaction),  
        ],  
      ),  
    ),  
    floatingActionButton: FloatingActionButton(  
      child: Icon(Icons.add),  
      onPressed: () => _startAddNewTransaction(context),  
    ),  
  );  
}
```

Scaffold: appBar

- It has a string and an IconButton (+) mark on the right.
- `_startAddNewTransaction` is called with the button.

```
title: Text('Personal Expenses',),  
actions: <Widget>[  
  IconButton(  
    icon: Icon(Icons.add),  
    onPressed: () => _startAddNewTransaction(context),  
  ),  
],
```

Scaffold: body

- The Column widget has the `Chart` and the `TransactionList` widget.

```
SingleChildScrollView(  
  child: Column(  
    children: <Widget>[  
      Chart(_recentTransactions),  
      TransactionList(_userTransactions, _deleteTransaction),  
    ],  
  ),  
)
```

Scaffold: FloatingActionButton

- We can also start the transaction with the `_startAddNewTransaction` here.

```
floatingActionButton: FloatingActionButton(  
  child: Icon(Icons.add),  
  onPressed: () => _startAddNewTransaction(context),  
),
```

- From the `_MyHomePageState` widget, we need to understand these methods or classes.
 - `_startAddNewTransaction`
 - `Chart`
 - `TransactionList`

APIs (service functions)

- The `_recentTransactions` method returns a list of Transactions for the last 7 days.

```
List<Transaction> get _recentTransactions {  
  return _userTransactions.where((tx) {  
    return tx.date.isAfter(  
      DateTime.now().subtract(  
        Duration(days: 7),  
      ),  
    );  
  }).toList();  
}
```


- The `_addNewTransaction` method creates a `Transaction` and redraws widgets.

```
void _addNewTransaction(  
    String txTitle, double txAmount, DateTime chosenDate) {  
    final newTx = Transaction(  
        title: txTitle, amount: txAmount,  
        date: chosenDate, id: DateTime.now().toString(),  
    );  
  
    setState(() {  
        _userTransactions.add(newTx);  
    });  
}
```

- The `_startAddNewTransaction` method displays a `showModalBottomSheet` to get inputs through the `NewTransaction` widget.

```
void _startAddNewTransaction(BuildContext ctx) {  
  showModalBottomSheet(  
    context: ctx,  
    builder: (_) {  
      return NewTransaction(_addNewTransaction);  
    },  
  );  
}
```

- The `_deleteTransaction` method deletes the transaction and redraws widgets.

```
void _deleteTransaction(String id) {  
    setState(() {  
        _userTransactions.removeWhere((tx) => tx.id == id);  
    });  
}
```

NewTransaction (new_transaction.dart)

- The `NewTransaction` is a stateful widget.
- The first argument is a function to be called.

```
class NewTransaction extends StatefulWidget {  
  final Function addTx;  
  NewTransaction(this.addTx);  
  @override  
  _NewTransactionState createState() => _NewTransactionState();  
}
```

`_NewTransactionState`

- Its state widget is `_NewTransactionState` that has all the GUI variables, controller, and `update` method.

```
class _NewTransactionState extends State<NewTransaction> {  
    final _titleController = TextEditingController();  
    final _amountController = TextEditingController();  
    DateTime _selectedDate = DateTime.now();  
    ...  
}
```

widget structure

```
TextField(...),
TextField(...),
Container(
  child: Row(
    children: <Widget>[
      Expanded(child: Text(...),
      TextButton(
        style: TextButton.styleFrom(...)
        child: Text(...),
        onPressed: _presentDatePicker,
      ),
    ],
  ),
),
ElevatedButton(
  child: Text('Add Transaction'),
  onPressed: _submitData,
),
```

getNow

- This function returns the current date in a formatted string.

```
String getNow() {  
    final DateTime now = DateTime.now();  
    final DateFormat formatter = DateFormat("yyyy-MM-dd");  
    String formatted = formatter.format(now);  
    return formatted;  
}
```


`_submitData`

- This function uses the `_amountController` to get the users' input, parse it into a number, and return the value using the given function.
- It uses the technique to get a function as an argument (`widget.addTx`) and returns to the caller using the `pop` method.

- We know that a stateful widget and state are a pair.
- The addTx is a member of the state widget.
- To access the state widget member from the state, we should prepend `widget` to it.

```
final Function addTx; // at the state widget  
widget.addTx(...) // at the state
```

```
void _submitData() {  
    if (_amountController.text.isEmpty) {  
        return;  
    }  
    final enteredTitle = _titleController.text;  
    final enteredAmount = double.parse(_amountController.text);  
  
    if (enteredTitle.isEmpty || enteredAmount <= 0) { return; }  
    widget.addTx(enteredTitle, enteredAmount, _selectedDate,  
    );  
    Navigator.of(context).pop();  
}
```

_presentDatePicker

- This function uses the showDatePicker so users can choose the date.

```
void _presentDatePicker() {  
  showDatePicker(  
    context: context,  
    ...  
  ).then((pickedDate) {  
    if (pickedDate == null) {return;}  
    setState(() {_selectedDate = pickedDate;});  
  });  
}
```

TransactionList (transaction_list.dart)

- Using the `_addNewTransaction` function, users can add Transactions to the list.
- This TransactionList displays the transaction information.

- It has the transaction list and a function to delete a Transaction.

```
class TransactionList extends StatelessWidget {  
    final List<Transaction> transactions;  
    final Function deleteTx;  
  
    TransactionList(this.transactions, this.deleteTx);  
}
```

Widget Structure

- It uses `ListView.builder` to display Card widgets.
- This technique displays a series of information on a widget.

```
child:ListView.builder(  
  itemBuilder: (ctx, index) {  
    return Card(  
      child: ListTile(  
        leading: CircleAvatar(...)  
        ...  
      );  
    },  
    itemCount: transactions.length,  
  ),
```

- When there is no transaction, it shows a text and an image.

```
Column(  
  children: <Widget>[  
    Text(  
      'No transactions added yet!',  
      style: Theme.of(context).textTheme.titleMedium,  
    ),  
    Container(  
      height: 200,  
      child: Image.asset(  
        'assets/images/waiting.png',  
        fit: BoxFit.cover,  
      )),  
  ],  
)
```


IconButton to delete a Transaction

- The last item on the card is the icon button.
- When the button is pressed, the transaction at the index is deleted.

```
trailing: IconButton(  
    icon: Icon(Icons.delete),  
    onPressed: () => deleteTx(transactions[index].id),  
),
```

ChartBar(chart_bar.dart)

- ChartBar is a widget that displays the amount of money spent on a day.
- In this example, the user spent \$600 on Tuesday.

Widget Structure

- It is a column with a text, FractionallySizedBox, and a label.

```
return Column(  
  children: <Widget>[  
    Container(child: FittedBox(...)),  
    Container(  
      child: Stack(  
        children: <Widget>[FractionallySizedBox(...),],  
      ),  
    ),  
    Text(label),  
  ],  
  ...  
)
```

FractionallySizedBox

- FractionallySizedBox is a widget that sizes itself based on a fraction of its parent's size.
- It can align elements with relative sizing.

```
FractionallySizedBox(  
  widthFactor: 0.5, // 50% of the parent's width  
  heightFactor: 0.3, // 30% of the parent's height  
  alignment: Alignment.center,  
  child: YourWidget(),  
)
```

- In this example, it uses `spendingPctOfTotal` to display the spend information.

```
ChartBar(this.label, this.spendingAmount, this.spendingPctOfTotal);  
...  
FractionallySizedBox(  
  heightFactor: spendingPctOfTotal, // <--  
  child: Container(  
    decoration: BoxDecoration(  
      color: Theme.of(context).primaryColor,  
      borderRadius: BorderRadius.circular(10),  
    ),  
  ),  
)
```

Chart (chart.dart)

- The Chart displays multiple ChartBar widgets.
- In this example, it shows ChartBar for one week.

Widget Structure

- The ChartBar widget displays ChartBar widgets in the Row using the Card widget.

```
return Card(  
  child: Row(  
    ...  
    child: ChartBar(  
      (data['day'] as String),  
      (data['amount'] as double),  
      (data['amount'] as double) / totalSpending,  
    ),  
    ...  
  ),  
);
```

- The ChartBar widget requires (1) label, (2) spendingAmount, and (3) spendingPctOfTotal.
- The information is stored in the `groupedTransactionValues`.

```
groupedTransactionValues.map((data) {  
    return Flexible(  
        child: ChartBar(  
            (data['day'] as String),  
            (data['amount'] as double),  
            (data['amount'] as double) / totalSpending,  
        ),  
    );  
}).toList(),
```


groupedTransactionValues

- groupedTransactionValues is a property: a function that can be used as if it were a variable.
- It returns a map (dictionary) of the date string and the total sum.

```
List<Map<String, Object>> get groupedTransactionValues {  
  return List.generate(7, (index) {  
    ...  
    return {  
      'day': ...  
      'amount': totalSum,  
    };  
  }).reversed.toList();  
}
```

Getting the first character of weekdays

- This function retrieves the first character of the week of the day.
- For example, 'T' is extracted from 'Tuesday'.

```
DateFormat.E().format(weekDay).substring(0, 1)
```

Getting the total amount of money spent on a date.

- We can use `DateTime.now().subtract()` function to get the date information from now.
- The index is used to specify the date we want to get.

```
final weekDay = DateTime.now().subtract(  
    Duration(days: index),  
);
```

- Then, it computes the total money (totalSum) spent on the date.

```
var totalSum = 0.0;

for (var i = 0; i < recentTransactions.length; i++) {
    if (recentTransactions[i].date.day == weekDay.day &&
        recentTransactions[i].date.month == weekDay.month &&
        recentTransactions[i].date.year == weekDay.year) {
        totalSum += recentTransactions[i].amount;
    }
}
```

totalSpending

- totalSpending is another property that computes the total amount of money in the list.
- It uses a fold method to get the sum.
- Let's say we have a list $l = [1,2,3,4,5]$.

- `fold(0, ...)` starts with an **initial value** of 0.
- `(acc, curr) => acc + curr` is a **function** that adds the current item (`curr`) to the accumulated total (`acc`).

```
int sum = l.fold(0, (acc, curr) => acc + curr);
```

- The groupedTransactionValues is a list of maps with keys (day, amount).
- We can use the fold method to sum all the values with the amount key.

```
double get totalSpending {  
    return groupedTransactionValues.fold(0.0, (sum, item) {  
        return sum + (item['amount'] as double);  
    });  
}
```

4. Program Structure

- This application uses MVC (Model-View-Controller) architecture.

```
|— main.dart
|— model
|   └─ transaction.dart
|— theme
|   └─ main_theme.dart
└─ view
    ├── chart_bar.dart
    ├── chart.dart
    ├── new_transaction.dart
    └─ transaction_list.dart
```


MVC Software architecture

- The Model is in the `model` directory.
- The Views (widgets) are in the `view` directory.
- The Controllers are also in the views directory.

This is OK, but we can do better

- This is OK for simple applications.
- However, as the view and control are intermingled in the same files, this will add unnecessary complexity.
- We need to address this issue.

Self-grading for HW

- You analyze the whole code once (30%).
- You analyze the whole code twice using a different method (60%).
 - Make a summary of widgets that you did not know before (what and how to use them).
- You understand how the code works (80%).
- You can use the programming techniques in this example to make team and individual projects (100%).