Step 1: Download and Install VS Code

1. Go to the official Visual Studio Code website:

https://code.visualstudio.com

- 2. **Download** the installer for your operating system (Windows, macOS, or Linux).
- 3. Run the installer and follow the instructions to complete the installation.

Step 2: Install Flutter SDK

1. Download the Flutter SDK:

https://flutter.dev/docs/get-started/install

- 2. Choose your operating system and download the latest stable release in .zip format.
- 3. Extract the ZIP file:
 - o Windows: Extract it to C:\src\flutter (or any directory without spaces).
 - o macOS/Linux: Extract to a directory like ~/development/flutter.
- 4. Add Flutter to the PATH:
 - Windows:
 - 1. Open Start Menu → Search Environment Variables → Click Edit System Environment Variables.
 - 2. Click Environment Variables → Under System variables, select Path and click Edit.
 - 3. Add a new entry with the path to flutter/bin (e.g., C:\src\flutter\bin).
 - o macOS/Linux:
 - 1. Open the terminal and run:

export PATH="\$PATH: pwd /flutter/bin"

Verify Flutter installation:

flutter doctor - into terminal

Step 3: Install VS Code Extensions

- 1. Open VS Code.
- 2. Press Ctrl+Shift+X (Windows/Linux) or Cmd+Shift+X (macOS) to open the Extensions view.
- 3. Search for **Flutter** and click **Install**. This will also install the **Dart** extension.

Step 4: Open a Flutter Project in VS Code

- 1. Extract or place your Flutter project folder where you want it.
- 2. Open VS Code.
- 3. Go to **File** → **Open Folder** and select the Flutter project folder (*Make sure project has been unzipped*).
- 4. Open the **Terminal** (Ctrl+ or Cmd+ on macOS).

Step 5: Enable Web Support for Flutter

1. In the terminal, run:

flutter channel stable

flutter upgrade

flutter config --enable-web

flutter doctor

Step 6: Run the Flutter Project on Web (emulated mobile view)

- 1. Connect a Web Device:
 - Ensure Google Chrome is installed, as Flutter uses it for web previews.
 - o In the terminal, type:

bash

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flutter devices

You should see Chrome listed as a device.

2. Run the project:

In the terminal, run:

bash

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flutter run -d chrome

 Alternatively, press F5 or go to Run → Start Debugging in VS Code and select Chrome as the target. (also can flutter run and select prompts)