Flutter Cookbook

This cookbook contains recipes that demonstrate how to solve common problems while writing Flutter apps. Each recipe is self-contained and can be used as reference to help you build up an application.

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Using Themes to share colors and font styles

In order to share colors and font styles throughout our app, we can take advantage of themes. There are two ways to define themes: App-wide or using Theme Widgets that define the colors and font styles for a particular part of our application. In fact, app-wide themes are just Theme Widgets created at the root of our apps by the MaterialApp!

After we define a Theme, we can use it within our own Widgets. In addition, the Material Widgets provided by Flutter will use our Theme to set the background colors and and font styles for AppBars, Buttons, Checkboxes, and more.

Creating an app theme

In order to share a Theme containing colors and font styles across our entire app, we can provide ThemeData to the MaterialApp constructor.

If no theme is provided, Flutter will create a fallback theme under the hood.

```
new MaterialApp(
  title: title,
  theme: new ThemeData(
    brightness: Brightness.dark,
    primaryColor: Colors.lightBlue[800],
    accentColor: Colors.cyan[600],
  ),
);
```

Please see the <u>ThemeData</u> documentation to see all of the colors and fonts you can define.

Themes for part of an application

If we want to override the app-wide theme in part of our application, we can wrap a section of our app in a Theme Widget.

There are two ways to approach this: creating unique ThemeData, or extending the parent theme.

Creating unique ThemeData

If we don't want to inherit any application colors or font styles, we can create a new
ThemeData()
instance and pass that to the Theme
Widget.

```
new Theme(
   // Create a unique theme with "new ThemeData"
   data: new ThemeData(
      accentColor: Colors.yellow,
   ),
   child: new FloatingActionButton(
      onPressed: () {},
      child: new Icon(Icons.add),
    ),
   );
```

Extending the parent theme

Rather than overriding everything, it often makes sense to extend the parent theme. We can achieve this by using the copyWith method.

```
new Theme(
    // Find and Extend the parent theme using "copyWith". Please see the next
    // section for more info on `Theme.of`.
    data: Theme.of(context).copyWith(accentColor: Colors.yellow),
    child: new FloatingActionButton(
        onPressed: null,
        child: new Icon(Icons.add),
    ),
    );
```

Using a Theme

Now that we've defined a theme, we can use it within our Widget build methods by using the Theme.of(context) function!

Theme.of(context) will look up the Widget tree and return the nearest Theme in the tree. If we have a stand-alone Theme defined above our Widget, it returns that. If not, it returns the App theme.

In fact, the FloatingActionButton uses this exact technique to find the accentColor!

```
new Container(
  color: Theme.of(context).accentColor,
  child: new Text(
    'Text with a background color',
    style: Theme.of(context).textTheme.title,
    ),
);
```

```
import 'package:flutter/foundation.dart';
import 'package:flutter/material.dart';
void main() {
 runApp(new MyApp());
class MyApp extends StatelessWidget {
  @override
  Widget build(BuildContext context) {
    final appName = 'Custom Themes';
    return new MaterialApp(
      title: appName,
      theme: new ThemeData(
        brightness: Brightness.dark,
        primaryColor: Colors.lightBlue[800],
        accentColor: Colors.cyan[600],
      home: new MyHomePage(
       title: appName,
      ),
    );
 }
class MyHomePage extends StatelessWidget {
  final String title;
  MyHomePage({Key key, @required this.title}) : super(key: key);
  @override
  Widget build(BuildContext context) {
    return new Scaffold(
      appBar: new AppBar(
        title: new Text(title),
      ),
      body: new Center(
        child: new Container(
          color: Theme.of(context).accentColor,
          child: new Text(
            'Text with a background color',
            style: Theme.of(context).textTheme.title,
          ),
        ),
      ),
```

```
floatingActionButton: new Theme(
    data: Theme.of(context).copyWith(accentColor: Colors.yellow),
    child: new FloatingActionButton(
        onPressed: null,
        child: new Icon(Icons.add),
     ),
    ),
    );
}
```







Custom Themes

Text with a background color



Display images from the internet

Displaying images is fundamental for most mobile apps. Flutter provides the <u>Image</u> Widget to display different types of images.

In order to work with images from a URL, use the Image.network constructor.

```
new Image.network(
   'https://raw.githubusercontent.com/flutter/website/master/_includes/code/
layout/lakes/images/lake.jpg',
)
```

Bonus: Animated Gifs

One amazing thing about the Image Widget: It also supports animated gifs out of the box!

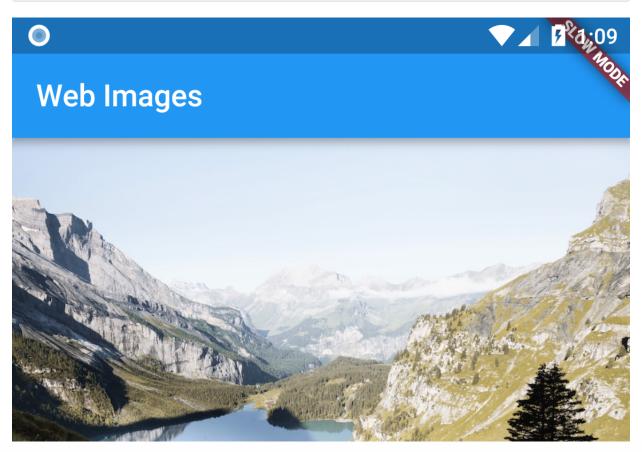
```
new Image.network(
   'https://github.com/flutter/plugins/raw/master/packages/video_player/doc/
demo_ipod.gif?raw=true',
);
```

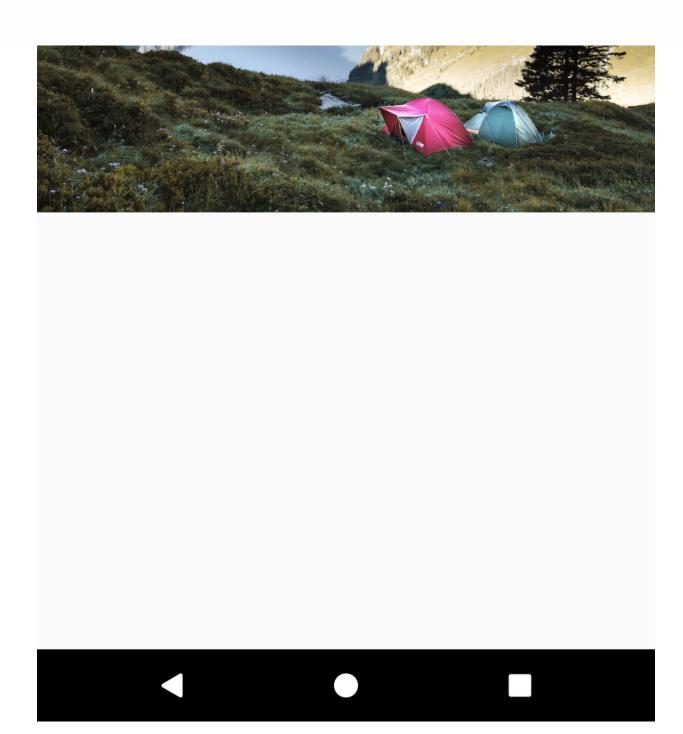
Placeholders and Caching

The default Image.network constructor does not handle more advanced functionality, such as fading images in after loading or caching images to the device after they're downloaded. To achieve these tasks, please see the following recipes:

- Fade in images with a placeholder
- Working with cached images

```
import 'package:flutter/material.dart';
void main() => runApp(new MyApp());
class MyApp extends StatelessWidget {
  Widget build(BuildContext context) {
    var title = 'Web Images';
    return new MaterialApp(
      title: title,
      home: new Scaffold(
        appBar: new AppBar(
         title: new Text(title),
        body: new Image.network(
 'https://github.com/flutter/website/blob/master/_includes/code/layout/lake
s/images/lake.jpg?raw=true',
        ),
      ),
    );
 }
}
```





Fade in images with a placeholder

When displaying images using the default Image widget, you might notice they simply pop onto the screen as they're loaded. This might feel visually jarring to your users.

Instead, wouldn't it be nice if you could display a placeholder at first, and images would fade in as they're loaded? We can use the FadeInImage Widget packaged with Flutter for exactly this purpose!

FadeInImage works with images of any type: in-memory, local assets, or images from the internet.

In this example, we'll use the <u>transparent_image</u> package for a simple transparent placeholder. You can also consider using local assets for placeholders by following the <u>Assets and Images</u> guide.

```
new FadeInImage.memoryNetwork(
  placeholder: kTransparentImage,
  image:
  'https://github.com/flutter/website/blob/master/_includes/code/layout/lakes
/images/lake.jpg?raw=true',
);
```

```
import 'package:flutter/material.dart';
import 'package:transparent_image/transparent_image.dart';
void main() {
 runApp(new MyApp());
class MyApp extends StatelessWidget {
  @override
  Widget build(BuildContext context) {
    final title = 'Fade in images';
    return new MaterialApp(
      title: title,
      home: new Scaffold(
        appBar: new AppBar(
          title: new Text(title),
        ),
        body: new Stack(
          children: <Widget>[
            new Center(child: new CircularProgressIndicator()),
            new Center(
              child: new FadeInImage.memoryNetwork(
                placeholder: kTransparentImage,
                image:
 'https://github.com/flutter/website/blob/master/_includes/code/layout/lake
s/images/lake.jpg?raw=true',
              ),
            ),
          ],
        ),
      ),
    );
  }
```



Fade in images



Working with cached images

In some cases, it can be handy to cache images as they're downloaded from the web so they can be used offline. For this purpose, we'll employ the cached_network_image package.

In addition to caching, the cached_image_network package also supports placeholders and fading images in as they're loaded!

```
new CachedNetworkImage(
   imageUrl:
'https://github.com/flutter/website/blob/master/_includes/code/layout/lakes
/images/lake.jpg?raw=true',
);
```

Adding a placeholder

The cached_network_image package allows us to use any Widget as a placeholder! In this example, we'll display a spinner while the image loads.

```
new CachedNetworkImage(
  placeholder: new CircularProgressIndicator(),
  imageUrl:
'https://github.com/flutter/website/blob/master/_includes/code/layout/lakes
/images/lake.jpg?raw=true',
);
```

```
import 'package:flutter/material.dart';
import 'package:cached_network_image/cached_network_image.dart';

void main() {
   runApp(new MyApp());
}

class MyApp extends StatelessWidget {
   @override
   Widget build(BuildContext context) {
     final title = 'Cached Images';

   return new MaterialApp(
```

```
title: title,
      home: new Scaffold(
        appBar: new AppBar(
          title: new Text(title),
        ),
        body: new Center(
          child: new CachedNetworkImage(
            placeholder: new CircularProgressIndicator(),
            imageUrl:
 'https://github.com/flutter/website/blob/master/ includes/code/layout/lake
s/images/lake.jpg?raw=true',
          ),
        ),
      ),
    );
 }
}
```

Basic List

Displaying lists of data is a fundamental pattern for mobile apps. Flutter includes the ListView Widget to make working with lists a breeze!

Create a ListView

Using the standard ListView constructor is perfect for lists that contain only a few items. We will also employ the built-in ListTile Widget to give our items a visual structure.

```
new ListView(
 children: <Widget>[
   new ListTile(
      leading: new Icon(Icons.map),
     title: new Text('Maps'),
    ),
    new ListTile(
      leading: new Icon(Icons.photo_album),
     title: new Text('Album'),
    ),
    new ListTile(
      leading: new Icon(Icons.phone),
      title: new Text('Phone'),
   ),
  ],
);
```

Complete Example

```
import 'package:flutter/material.dart';
void main() => runApp(new MyApp());
class MyApp extends StatelessWidget {
  Widget build(BuildContext context) {
    final title = 'Basic List';
    return new MaterialApp(
      title: title,
      home: new Scaffold(
        appBar: new AppBar(
          title: new Text(title),
        body: new ListView(
          children: <Widget>[
            new ListTile(
              leading: new Icon(Icons.map),
              title: new Text('Map'),
            ),
            new ListTile(
              leading: new Icon(Icons.photo),
              title: new Text('Album'),
            new ListTile(
              leading: new Icon(Icons.phone),
              title: new Text('Phone'),
            ),
          ],
        ),
      ),
    );
  }
}
```

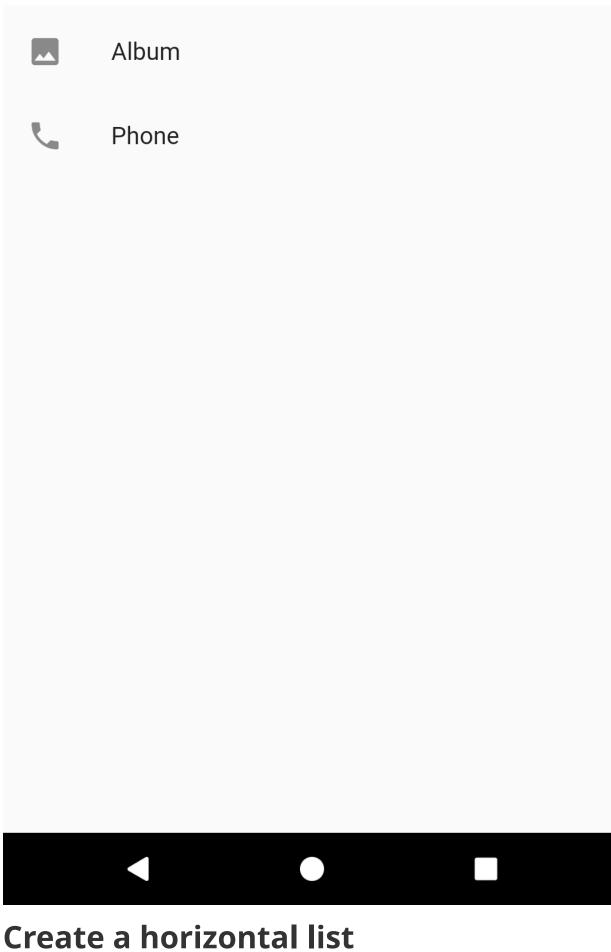




Basic List



Map



At times, you may want to create a List that scrolls horizontally rather than vertically. The ListView Widget supports horizontal lists out of the box.

We'll use the standard Listview constructor, passing through a horizontal scrollDirection, which will override the default vertical direction.

```
new ListView(
 // This next line does the trick.
  scrollDirection: Axis.horizontal,
  children: <Widget>[
   new Container(
     width: 160.0,
     color: Colors.red,
    ),
    new Container(
     width: 160.0,
     color: Colors.blue,
    new Container(
     width: 160.0,
     color: Colors.green,
    new Container(
     width: 160.0,
     color: Colors.yellow,
    ),
    new Container(
     width: 160.0,
     color: Colors.orange,
    ),
  1,
)
```

```
import 'package:flutter/material.dart';

void main() => runApp(new MyApp());

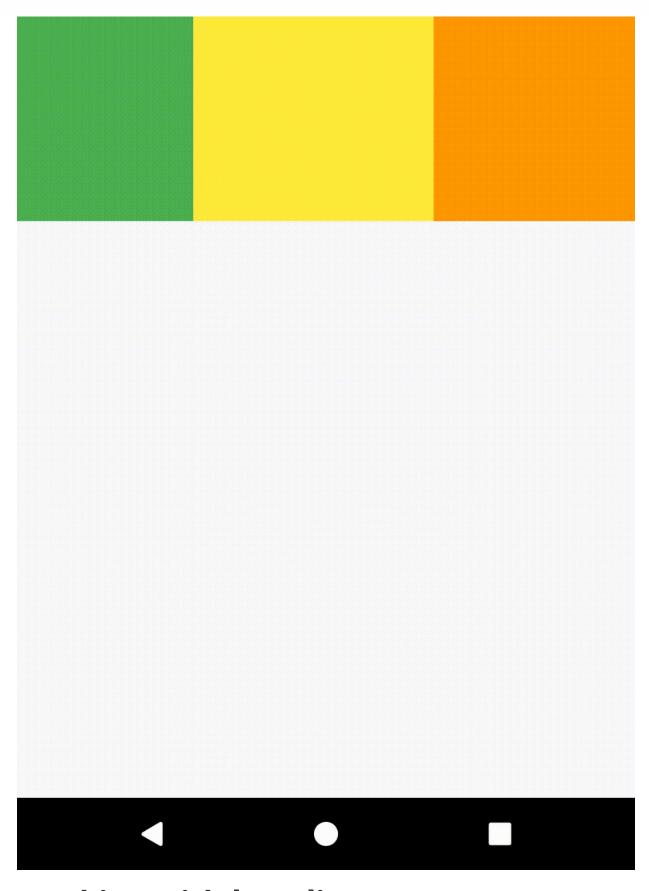
class MyApp extends StatelessWidget {
  @override

Widget build(BuildContext context) {
  final title = 'Horizontal List';

  return new MaterialApp(
    title: title,
    home: new Scaffold()
```

```
appBar: new AppBar(
        title: new Text(title),
      ),
      body: new Container(
        margin: new EdgeInsets.symmetric(vertical: 20.0),
        height: 200.0,
        child: new ListView(
          scrollDirection: Axis.horizontal,
          children: <Widget>[
            new Container(
              width: 160.0,
              color: Colors.red,
            ),
            new Container(
              width: 160.0,
              color: Colors.blue,
            ),
            new Container(
              width: 160.0,
              color: Colors.green,
            ),
            new Container(
             width: 160.0,
              color: Colors.yellow,
            new Container(
             width: 160.0,
              color: Colors.orange,
            ),
          ],
       ),
      ),
    ),
 );
}
```

Horizontal List



Working with long lists

The standard <u>ListView</u> constructor works well for small lists. In order to work with lists that contain a large number of items, it's best to use the <u>ListView.builder</u> constructor.

Whereas the default Listview constructor requires us to create all items at once, the Listview.builder constructor will create items as they are scrolled onto the screen.

1. Create a data source

First, we'll need a data source to work with. For example, your data source might be a list of messages, search results, or products in a store. Most of the time, this data will come from the internet or a database.

For this example, we'll generate a list of 10000 Strings using the List.generate constructor.

```
final items = new List<String>.generate(10000, (i) => "Item $i");
```

2. Convert the data source into Widgets

In order to display our List of Strings, we'll need to render each String as a Widget!

This is where the ListView.builder will come into play. In our case, we'll display each String on it's own line.

```
new ListView.builder(
  itemCount: items.length,
  itemBuilder: (context, index) {
    return new ListTile(
        title: new Text('${items[index]}'),
    );
  },
);
```

```
import 'package:flutter/foundation.dart';
import 'package:flutter/material.dart';

void main() {
   runApp(new MyApp(
     items: new List<String>.generate(10000, (i) => "Item $i"),
     ));
}

class MyApp extends StatelessWidget {
   final List<String> items;

MyApp({Key key, @required this.items}) : super(key: key);
   @override
```

```
Widget build(BuildContext context) {
    final title = 'Long List';
   return new MaterialApp(
      title: title,
      home: new Scaffold(
        appBar: new AppBar(
         title: new Text(title),
        body: new ListView.builder(
          itemCount: items.length,
          itemBuilder: (context, index) {
            return new ListTile(
              title: new Text('${items[index]}'),
            );
         },
        ),
      ),
   );
 }
}
```



Long List

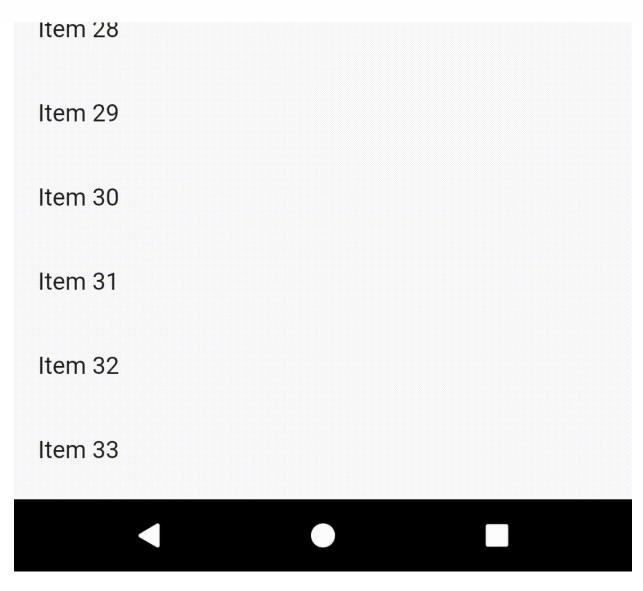
Item 23

Item 24

Item 25

Item 26

Item 27



Creating lists with different types of items

We often need to create lists that display different types of content. For example, we might be working on a List that shows a heading followed by a few items related to the heading, followed by another heading, and so on.

How would we create such a structure with Flutter?

Directions

- 1. Create a data source with different types of items
- 2. Convert the data source into a List of Widgets

1. Create a data source with different types of item

Types of Items

In order to represent different types of items in a List, we'll need to define a class for each type of item.

In this example, we'll work on an app that shows a header followed by five messages. Therefore, we'll create three classes: ListItem, HeadingItem, and MessageItem.

```
// The base class for the different types of items the List can contain
abstract class ListItem {}

// A ListItem that contains data to display a heading
class HeadingItem implements ListItem {
  final String heading;

  HeadingItem(this.heading);
}

// A ListItem that contains data to display a message
class MessageItem implements ListItem {
  final String sender;
  final String body;

MessageItem(this.sender, this.body);
}
```

Create a List of Items

Most of the time, we'd fetch data from the internet or a local database and convert that data into a list of items.

For this example, we'll generate a list of items to work with. The list will contain a header followed by five messages. Rinse, repeat.

2. Convert the data source into a List of Widgets

In order to handle converting each item into a Widget, we'll employ the <u>ListView.builder</u> constructor.

In general, we'll want to provide a builder function that checks for what type of item we're dealing with, and returns the appropriate Widget for that type of item.

In this example, using the is keyword to check the type of item we're dealing with can be handy. It's fast, and will automatically cast each item to the appropriate type. However, there are different ways to approach this problem if you prefer another pattern!

```
new ListView.builder(
  // Let the ListView know how many items it needs to build
  itemCount: items.length,
  // Provide a builder function. This is where the magic happens! We'll
  // convert each item into a Widget based on the type of item it is.
  itemBuilder: (context, index) {
    final item = items[index];
    if (item is HeadingItem) {
     return new ListTile(
       title: new Text(
          item.heading,
          style: Theme.of(context).textTheme.headline,
        ),
      );
    } else if (item is MessageItem) {
      return new ListTile(
        title: new Text(item.sender),
        subtitle: new Text(item.body),
      );
    }
  },
);
```

```
MyApp({Key key, @required this.items}) : super(key: key);
  @override
  Widget build(BuildContext context) {
    final title = 'Mixed List';
    return new MaterialApp(
      title: title,
      home: new Scaffold(
        appBar: new AppBar(
          title: new Text(title),
        body: new ListView.builder(
          // Let the ListView know how many items it needs to build
          itemCount: items.length,
          // Provide a builder function. This is where the magic happens!
We'll
          // convert each item into a Widget based on the type of item it
is.
          itemBuilder: (context, index) {
            final item = items[index];
            if (item is HeadingItem) {
              return new ListTile(
                title: new Text(
                  item.heading,
                  style: Theme.of(context).textTheme.headline,
                ),
              );
            } else if (item is MessageItem) {
              return new ListTile(
                title: new Text(item.sender),
                subtitle: new Text(item.body),
              );
            }
          },
        ),
      ),
    );
  }
}
// The base class for the different types of items the List can contain
abstract class ListItem {}
// A ListItem that contains data to display a heading
class HeadingItem implements ListItem {
  final String heading;
```

```
HeadingItem(this.heading);
}

// A ListItem that contains data to display a message
class MessageItem implements ListItem {
  final String sender;
  final String body;

MessageItem(this.sender, this.body);
}
```





Mixed List

Heading 0

Sender 1

Message body 1

Sender 2

Message body 2

Sender 3

Message body 3

Sender 4

Message body 4

Sender 5

Message body 5

Heading 6

Sender 7

Message body 7

Sender 8

Message body 8



Creating a Grid List

In some cases, you might want to display your items as a Grid rather than a normal list of items that come one after the next. For this task, we'll employ the GridView Widget.

The simplest way to get started using grids is by using the Gridview.count constructor, because it allow us to specify how many rows or columns we'd like.

In this example, we'll generate a List of 100 Widgets that display their index in the list. This will help us us visualize how GridView works.

```
import 'package:flutter/material.dart';
```

```
void main() {
  runApp(new MyApp());
class MyApp extends StatelessWidget {
  @override
  Widget build(BuildContext context) {
    final title = 'Grid List';
    return new MaterialApp(
      title: title,
      home: new Scaffold(
        appBar: new AppBar(
          title: new Text(title),
        body: new GridView.count(
          // Create a grid with 2 columns. If you change the
scrollDirection to
          // horizontal, this would produce 2 rows.
          crossAxisCount: 2,
          // Generate 100 Widgets that display their index in the List
          children: new List.generate(100, (index) {
            return new Center(
              child: new Text(
                'Item $index',
                style: Theme.of(context).textTheme.headline,
              ),
            );
          }),
        ),
      ),
    );
  }
```

Handling Taps

We not only want to display information to our users, we want our users to interact with our apps! So how do we respond to fundamental actions such as tapping and dragging? We'll use the GestureDetector Widget!

Say we want to make a custom button that shows a snackbar when tapped. How would we approach this?

Directions

1. Create the button

2. Wrap it in a GestureDetector with an onTap callback

```
// Our GestureDetector wraps our button
new GestureDetector(
  // When the child is tapped, show a snackbar
 onTap: () {
    final snackBar = new SnackBar(content: new Text("Tap"));
    Scaffold.of(context).showSnackBar(snackBar);
 },
  // Our Custom Button!
  child: new Container(
    padding: new EdgeInsets.all(12.0),
    decoration: new BoxDecoration(
      color: Theme.of(context).buttonColor,
      borderRadius: new BorderRadius.circular(8.0),
    ),
    child: new Text('My Button'),
  ),
);
```

Notes

- 1. If you'd like to add the Material Ripple effect to your button, please see the "Adding Material Touch ripples" recipe.
- While we've created a custom button to demonstrate these concepts, Flutter includes a handful of buttons out of the box: <u>RaisedButton</u>, <u>FlatButton</u>, and <u>CupertinoButton</u>

```
import 'package:flutter/material.dart';

void main() => runApp(new MyApp());

class MyApp extends StatelessWidget {
    @override

Widget build(BuildContext context) {
    final title = 'Gesture Demo';

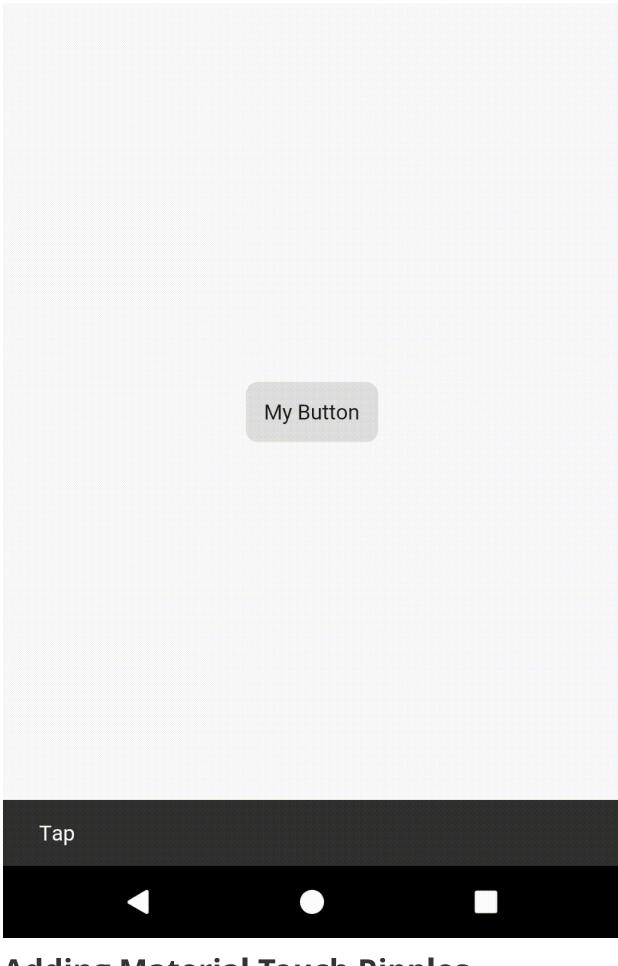
    return new MaterialApp(
        title: title,
        home: new MyHomePage(title: title),
    );
    }
}
```

```
class MyHomePage extends StatelessWidget {
  final String title;
  MyHomePage({Key key, this.title}) : super(key: key);
  @override
  Widget build(BuildContext context) {
    return new Scaffold(
      appBar: new AppBar(
        title: new Text(title),
      body: new Center(child: new MyButton()),
    );
  }
}
class MyButton extends StatelessWidget {
  @override
  Widget build(BuildContext context) {
    // Our GestureDetector wraps our button
    return new GestureDetector(
      // When the child is tapped, show a snackbar
      onTap: () {
        final snackBar = new SnackBar(content: new Text("Tap"));
        Scaffold.of(context).showSnackBar(snackBar);
      },
      // Our Custom Button!
      child: new Container(
        padding: new EdgeInsets.all(12.0),
        decoration: new BoxDecoration(
          color: Theme.of(context).buttonColor,
          borderRadius: new BorderRadius.circular(8.0),
        ),
        child: new Text('My Button'),
      ),
    );
  }
}
```





Gesture Demo



Adding Material Touch Ripples

While designing an app that should follow the Material Design Guidelines, we'll want to add the ripple animation to Widgets when tapped.

Flutter provides the <a>Inkwell Widget to achieve this effect.

Directions

- 1. Create a Widget we want to tap
- 2. Wrap it in an Inkwell Widget to manage tap callbacks and ripple animations

```
import 'package:flutter/material.dart';

void main() => runApp(new MyApp());

class MyApp extends StatelessWidget {
    @override
    Widget build(BuildContext context) {
        final title = 'InkWell Demo';

        return new MaterialApp(
            title: title,
            home: new MyHomePage(title: title),
        );
    }
}

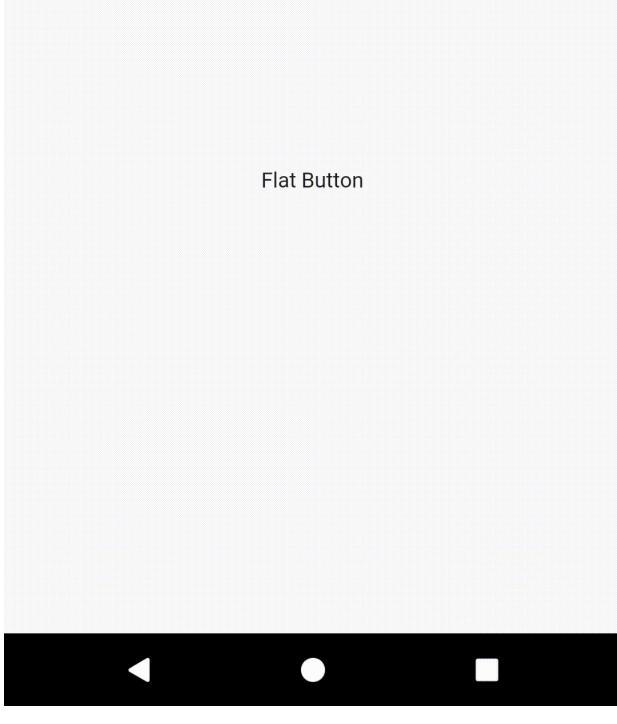
class MyHomePage extends StatelessWidget {
    final String title;

    MyHomePage({Key key, this.title}) : super(key: key);
```

```
@override
  Widget build(BuildContext context) {
    return new Scaffold(
      appBar: new AppBar(
        title: new Text(title),
      ),
      body: new Center(child: new MyButton()),
    );
  }
}
class MyButton extends StatelessWidget {
  @override
  Widget build(BuildContext context) {
    // The InkWell Wraps our custom flat button Widget
    return new InkWell(
      // When the user taps the button, show a snackbar
      onTap: () {
        Scaffold.of(context).showSnackBar(new SnackBar(
          content: new Text('Tap'),
        ));
      },
      child: new Container(
        padding: new EdgeInsets.all(12.0),
        child: new Text('Flat Button'),
      ),
    );
 }
}
```



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Implement Swipe to Dismiss

The "Swipe to dismiss" pattern is common in many mobile apps. For example, if we're writing an email app, we might want to allow our users to swipe away email messages in a list. When they do, we'll want to move the item from the Inbox to the Trash.

Flutter makes this task easy by providing the **Dismissible** Widget.

Directions

- 1. Create List of Items
- 2. Wrap each item in a Dismissible Widget

1. Create List of Items

The first step in this recipe will be to create a list of items we can swipe away. For more detailed instructions on how to create a list, please follow the <u>Working with long lists</u> recipe.

Create a Data Source

In our example, we'll want 20 sample items to work with. To keep it simple, we'll generate a List of Strings.

```
final items = new List<String>.generate(20, (i) => "Item ${i + 1}");
```

Convert the data source into a List

At first, we'll simply display each item in the List on screen. Users will not be able to swipe away with these items just yet!

```
new ListView.builder(
  itemCount: items.length,
  itemBuilder: (context, index) {
    return new ListTile(title: new Text('${items[index]}'));
  },
);
```

2. Wrap each item in a Dismissible Widget

Now that we're displaying a list of items, we'll want to give our users the ability to swipe each item off the list!

After the user has swiped away the item, we'll need to run some code to remove the item from the list and display a Snackbar. In a real app, you might need to perform more complex logic, such as removing the item from a web service or database.

This is where the <u>Dismissible</u> Widget comes into play! In our example, we'll update our itemBuilder function to return a <u>Dismissible</u> Widget.

```
new Dismissible(
    // Each Dismissible must contain a Key. Keys allow Flutter to
    // uniquely identify Widgets.
    key: new Key(item),
    // We also need to provide a function that will tell our app
    // what to do after an item has been swiped away.
    onDismissed: (direction) {
        // Remove the item from our data source
        items.removeAt(index);
```

```
// Show a snackbar! This snackbar could also contain "Undo" actions.
Scaffold.of(context).showSnackBar(
        new SnackBar(content: new Text("$item dismissed")));
},
child: new ListTile(title: new Text('$item')),
);
```

3. Provide "Leave Behind" indicators

As it stands, our app will allow users to swipe items off the List, but it might not give them a visual indication of what happens when they do. To provide a cue that we're removing items, we'll display a "Leave Behind" indicator as they swipe the item off the screen. In this case, a red background!

For this purpose, we'll provide a background parameter to the Dismissible.

```
new Dismissible(
   // Show a red background as the item is swiped away
  background: new Container(color: Colors.red),
  key: new Key(item),
  onDismissed: (direction) {
    items.removeAt(index);

    Scaffold.of(context).showSnackBar(
        new SnackBar(content: new Text("$item dismissed")));
  },
  child: new ListTile(title: new Text('$item')),
);
```

```
import 'package:flutter/foundation.dart';
import 'package:flutter/material.dart';

void main() {
  runApp(new MyApp(
    items: new List<String>.generate(20, (i) => "Item ${i + 1}"),
  ));
}

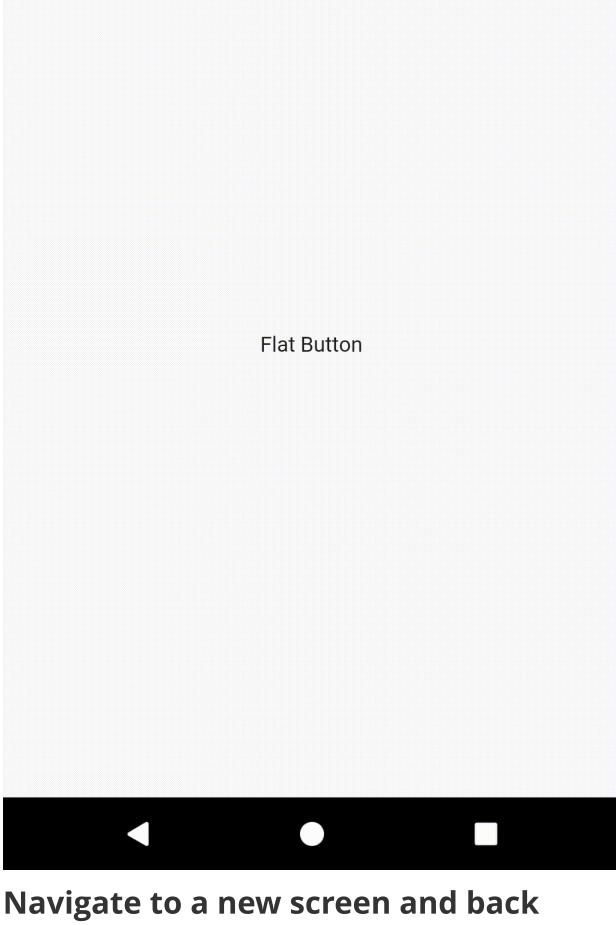
class MyApp extends StatelessWidget {
  final List<String> items;

MyApp({Key key, @required this.items}) : super(key: key);
```

```
@override
 Widget build(BuildContext context) {
    final title = 'Dismissing Items';
    return new MaterialApp(
      title: title,
      home: new Scaffold(
        appBar: new AppBar(
          title: new Text(title),
        ),
        body: new ListView.builder(
          itemCount: items.length,
          itemBuilder: (context, index) {
            final item = items[index];
            return new Dismissible(
              // Each Dismissible must contain a Key. Keys allow Flutter to
              // uniquely identify Widgets.
              key: new Key(item),
              // We also need to provide a function that will tell our app
              // what to do after an item has been swiped away.
              onDismissed: (direction) {
                items.removeAt(index);
                Scaffold.of(context).showSnackBar(
                    new SnackBar(content: new Text("$item dismissed")));
              },
              // Show a red background as the item is swiped away
              background: new Container(color: Colors.red),
              child: new ListTile(title: new Text('$item')),
            );
          },
        ),
      ),
    );
 }
}
```







Most apps contain several screens for displaying different types of information. For example, we might have a screen that shows products. Our users could then tap on a product to get more information about it on a new screen.

In Android terms, our screens would be new Activities. In iOS terms, new ViewControllers. In Flutter, screens are just Widgets!

So how do we navigate to new screens? Using the Navigator!

Directions

- 1. Create two screens
- 2. Navigate to the second screen using Navigator.push
- 3. Return to the first screen using Navigator.pop

1. Create two screens

First, we'll need two screens to work with. Since this is a basic example, we'll create two screens, each containing a single button. Tapping the button on the first screen will navigate to the second screen. Tapping the button on the second screen will return our user back to the first!

First, we'll set up the visual structure.

```
class FirstScreen extends StatelessWidget {
  @override
 Widget build(BuildContext context) {
   return new Scaffold(
      appBar: new AppBar(
        title: new Text('First Screen'),
      ),
      body: new Center(
        child: new RaisedButton(
          child: new Text('Launch new screen'),
          onPressed: () {
            // Navigate to second screen when tapped!
          },
        ),
      ),
    );
  }
}
class SecondScreen extends StatelessWidget {
  @override
  Widget build(BuildContext context) {
    return new Scaffold(
      appBar: new AppBar(
        title: new Text("Second Screen"),
      ),
```

2. Navigate to the second screen using Navigator.push

In order to Navigate to a new screen, we'll need to use the <u>Navigator.push</u> method. The <u>push</u> method will add a <u>Route</u> to the stack of routes managed by the Navigator!

The push method requires a Route, but where does the Route come from? We can create our own, or use the MaterialPageRoute out of the box. The MaterialPageRoute is handy because it transitions to the new screen using a platform-specific animation.

In the build method of our FirstScreen Widget, we'll update the onPressed callback:

```
// Within the `FirstScreen` Widget
onPressed: () {
  Navigator.push(
    context,
    new MaterialPageRoute(builder: (context) => new SecondScreen()),
  );
}
```

3. Return to the first screen using Navigator.pop

Now that we're on our second screen, how do we close it out and return to the first? Using the Navigator.pop method! The pop method will remove the current Route from the stack of routes managed by the navigator.

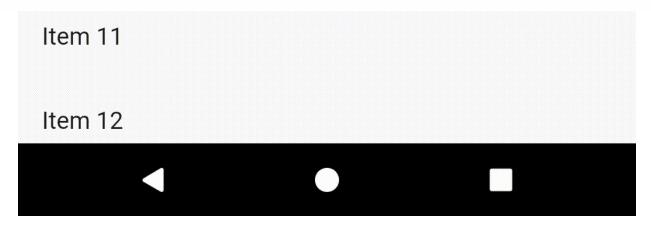
For this part, we'll need to update the onPressed callback found in our SecondScreen Widget

```
// Within the SecondScreen Widget
onPressed: () {
   Navigator.pop(context);
}
```

```
import 'package:flutter/material.dart';
void main() {
 runApp(new MaterialApp(
    title: 'Navigation Basics',
   home: new FirstScreen(),
 ));
}
class FirstScreen extends StatelessWidget {
  @override
  Widget build(BuildContext context) {
    return new Scaffold(
      appBar: new AppBar(
        title: new Text('First Screen'),
      ),
      body: new Center(
        child: new RaisedButton(
          child: new Text('Launch new screen'),
          onPressed: () {
            Navigator.push(
              context,
              new MaterialPageRoute(builder: (context) => new
SecondScreen()),
            );
          },
        ),
      ),
    );
  }
}
class SecondScreen extends StatelessWidget {
  @override
  Widget build(BuildContext context) {
    return new Scaffold(
      appBar: new AppBar(
        title: new Text("Second Screen"),
      ),
      body: new Center(
        child: new RaisedButton(
          onPressed: () {
           Navigator.pop(context);
          child: new Text('Go back!'),
        ),
```

```
);
}
}
```

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Send data to a new screen

Oftentimes, we not only want to navigate to a new screen, but also pass some data to the screen as well. For example, we often want to pass information about the item we tapped on.

Remember: Screens are Just Widgets[™]. In this example, we'll create a List of Todos. When a todo is tapped on, we'll navigate to a new screen (Widget) that displays information about the todo.

Directions

- 1. Define a Todo class
- 2. Display a List of Todos
- 3. Create a Detail Screen that can display information about a todo
- 4. Navigate and pass data to the Detail Screen

1. Define a Todo class

First, we'll need a simple way to represent Todos. For this example, we'll create a class that contains two pieces of data: the title and description.

```
class Todo {
  final String title;
  final String description;

Todo(this.title, this.description);
}
```

2. Create a List of Todos

Second, we'll want to display a list of Todos. In this example, we'll generate 20 todos and show them using a ListView. For more information on working with Lists, please see the Basic List recipe.

Generate the List of Todos

```
final todos = new List<Todo>.generate(
    20,
    (i) => new Todo(
        'Todo $i',
        'A description of what needs to be done for Todo $i',
        ),
);
```

Display the List of Todos using a ListView

```
new ListView.builder(
  itemCount: todos.length,
  itemBuilder: (context, index) {
    return new ListTile(
       title: new Text(todos[index].title),
    );
  },
);
```

So far, so good. We'll generate 20 Todos and display them in a ListView!

3. Create a Detail Screen that can display information about a todo

Now, we'll create our second screen. The title of the screen will contain the title of the todo, and the body of the screen will show the description.

Since it's a normal StatelessWidget, we'll simply require that users creating the Screen pass through a Todo! Then, we'll build a UI using the given Todo.

```
class DetailScreen extends StatelessWidget {
    // Declare a field that holds the Todo
    final Todo todo;

    // In the constructor, require a Todo
    DetailScreen({Key key, @required this.todo}) : super(key: key);

    @override
    Widget build(BuildContext context) {
        // Use the Todo to create our UI
        return new Scaffold(
        appBar: new AppBar(
            title: new Text("${todo.title}"),
        ),
        body: new Padding(
            padding: new EdgeInsets.all(16.0),
```

```
child: new Text('${todo.description}'),
    ),
    );
}
```

4. Navigate and pass data to the Detail Screen

With our DetailScreen in place, we're ready to perform the Navigation! In our case, we'll want to Navigate to the DetailScreen when a user taps on a Todo in our List. When we do so, we'll also want to pass the Todo to the DetailScreen.

To achieve this, we'll write an onTap callback for our ListTile Widget. Within our onTap callback, we'll once again employ the Navigator.push method.

```
new ListView.builder(
 itemCount: todos.length,
  itemBuilder: (context, index) {
    return new ListTile(
      title: new Text(todos[index].title),
      // When a user taps on the ListTile, navigate to the DetailScreen.
      // Notice that we're not only creating a new DetailScreen, we're
      // also passing the current todo to it!
     onTap: () {
        Navigator.push(
          context,
          new MaterialPageRoute(
            builder: (context) => new DetailScreen(todo: todos[index]),
          ),
        );
      },
    );
  },
);
```

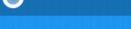
```
import 'package:flutter/foundation.dart';
import 'package:flutter/material.dart';

class Todo {
  final String title;
  final String description;

Todo(this.title, this.description);
}
```

```
void main() {
  runApp(new MaterialApp(
    title: 'Passing Data',
    home: new TodosScreen(
      todos: new List.generate(
        20,
        (i) => new Todo(
              'Todo $i',
              'A description of what needs to be done for Todo $i',
            ),
      ),
    ),
 ));
class TodosScreen extends StatelessWidget {
  final List<Todo> todos;
  TodosScreen({Key key, @required this.todos}) : super(key: key);
  @override
  Widget build(BuildContext context) {
    return new Scaffold(
      appBar: new AppBar(
        title: new Text('Todos'),
      ),
      body: new ListView.builder(
        itemCount: todos.length,
        itemBuilder: (context, index) {
          return new ListTile(
            title: new Text(todos[index].title),
            // When a user taps on the ListTile, navigate to the
DetailScreen.
            // Notice that we're not only creating a new DetailScreen,
we're
            // also passing the current todo through to it!
            onTap: () {
              Navigator.push(
                context,
                new MaterialPageRoute(
                  builder: (context) => new DetailScreen(todo:
todos[index]),
                ),
              );
            },
          );
        },
      ),
```

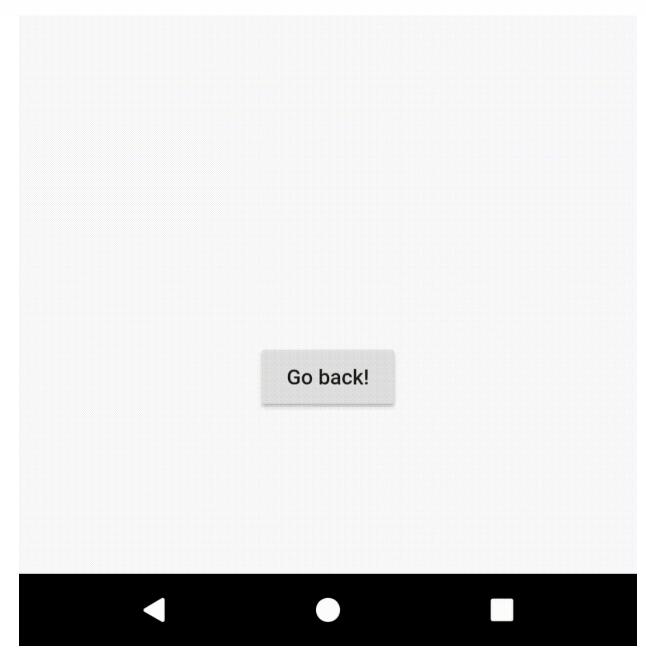
```
);
 }
}
class DetailScreen extends StatelessWidget {
 // Declare a field that holds the Todo
  final Todo todo;
 // In the constructor, require a Todo
 DetailScreen({Key key, @required this.todo}) : super(key: key);
 @override
 Widget build(BuildContext context) {
    // Use the Todo to create our UI
    return new Scaffold(
      appBar: new AppBar(
       title: new Text("${todo.title}"),
      ),
     body: new Padding(
        padding: new EdgeInsets.all(16.0),
        child: new Text('${todo.description}'),
     ),
    );
 }
}
```





First Screen

← Second Screen



Return data from a screen

In some cases, we might want to return data from a new screen. For example, say we push a new screen that presents two options to a user. When the user taps on an option, we'll want to inform our first screen of the user's selection so it can act on that information!

How can we achieve this? Using Navigator.pop!

Directions

- 1. Define the home screen
- 2. Add a button that launches the selection screen
- 3. Show the selection screen with two buttons
- 4. When a button is tapped, close the selection screen
- 5. Show a snackbar on the home screen with the selection

1. Define the home screen

The home screen will display a button. When tapped, it will launch the selection screen!

```
class HomeScreen extends StatelessWidget {
  @override
  Widget build(BuildContext context) {
    return new Scaffold(
     appBar: new AppBar(
        title: new Text('Returning Data Demo'),
     ),
     // We'll create the SelectionButton Widget in the next step
    body: new Center(child: new SelectionButton()),
    );
  }
}
```

2. Add a button that launches the selection screen

Now, we'll create our SelectionButton. Our selection button will:

- 1. Launch the SelectionScreen when it's tapped
- 2. Wait for the SelectionScreen to return a result

```
class SelectionButton extends StatelessWidget {
 @override
 Widget build(BuildContext context) {
   return new RaisedButton(
      onPressed: () {
        navigateAndDisplaySelection(context);
     },
     child: new Text('Pick an option, any option!'),
   );
 }
 // A method that launches the SelectionScreen and awaits the result from
 // Navigator.pop
 _navigateAndDisplaySelection(BuildContext context) async {
    // Navigator.push returns a Future that will complete after we call
   // Navigator.pop on the Selection Screen!
   final result = await Navigator.push(
      // We'll create the SelectionScreen in the next step!
     new MaterialPageRoute(builder: (context) => new SelectionScreen()),
   );
  }
}
```

3. Show the selection screen with two buttons

Now, we'll need to build a selection screen! It will contain two buttons. When a user taps on a button, it should close the selection screen and let the home screen know which button was tapped!

For now, we'll define the UI, and figure out how to return data in the next step.

```
class SelectionScreen extends StatelessWidget {
  @override
 Widget build(BuildContext context) {
    return new Scaffold(
      appBar: new AppBar(
        title: new Text('Pick an option'),
      ),
      body: new Center(
        child: new Column(
          mainAxisAlignment: MainAxisAlignment.center,
          children: <Widget>[
            new Padding(
              padding: const EdgeInsets.all(8.0),
              child: new RaisedButton(
                onPressed: () {
                  // Pop here with "Yep"...
                child: new Text('Yep!'),
              ),
            ),
            new Padding(
              padding: const EdgeInsets.all(8.0),
              child: new RaisedButton(
                onPressed: () {
                  // Pop here with "Nope"
                child: new Text('Nope.'),
              ),
          ],
        ),
      ),
    );
 }
}
```

4. When a button is tapped, close the selection screen

Now, we'll want to update the onPressed callback for both of our buttons! In order to return data to the first screen, we'll need to use the Navitator.pop method.

Navigator.pop accepts an optional second argument called result. If we provide a result, it will be returned to the Future in our SelectionButton!

Yep button

```
new RaisedButton(
  onPressed: () {
    // Our Yep button will return "Yep!" as the result
    Navigator.pop(context, 'Yep!');
  },
  child: new Text('Yep!'),
);
```

Nope button

```
new RaisedButton(
  onPressed: () {
    // Our Nope button will return "Nope!" as the result
    Navigator.pop(context, 'Nope!');
  },
  child: new Text('Nope!'),
);
```

5. Show a snackbar on the home screen with the selection

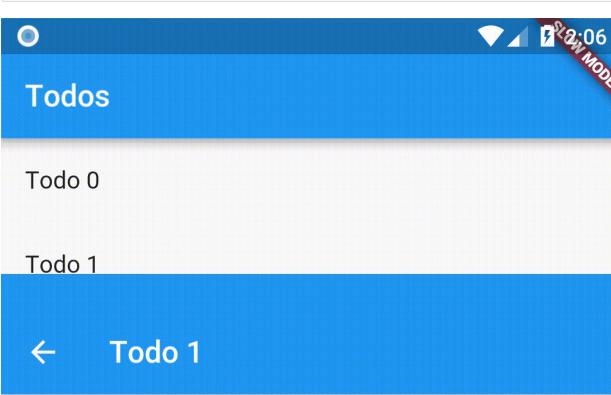
Now that we're launching a selection screen and awaiting the result, we'll want to do something with the information that's returned!

In this case, we'll show a Snackbar displaying the result. To do so, we'll update the navigateAndDisplaySelection method in our selectionButton.

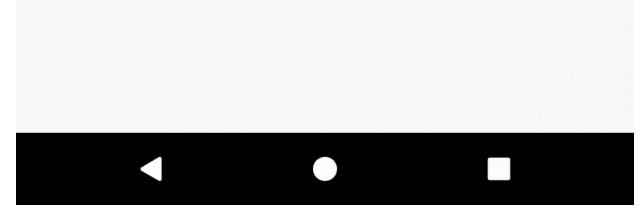
```
import 'package:flutter/material.dart';
void main() {
 runApp(new MaterialApp(
    title: 'Returning Data',
    home: new HomeScreen(),
  ));
class HomeScreen extends StatelessWidget {
  @override
  Widget build(BuildContext context) {
    return new Scaffold(
      appBar: new AppBar(
        title: new Text('Returning Data Demo'),
      ),
      body: new Center(child: new SelectionButton()),
    );
  }
}
class SelectionButton extends StatelessWidget {
  @override
  Widget build(BuildContext context) {
    return new RaisedButton(
      onPressed: () {
        _navigateAndDisplaySelection(context);
      child: new Text('Pick an option, any option!'),
    );
  }
  // A method that launches the SelectionScreen and awaits the result from
```

```
// Navigator.pop!
  _navigateAndDisplaySelection(BuildContext context) async {
    // Navigator.push returns a Future that will complete after we call
    // Navigator.pop on the Selection Screen!
   final result = await Navigator.push(
      context,
     new MaterialPageRoute(builder: (context) => new SelectionScreen()),
   );
    // After the Selection Screen returns a result, show it in a Snackbar!
    Scaffold
        .of(context)
        .showSnackBar(new SnackBar(content: new Text("$result")));
 }
class SelectionScreen extends StatelessWidget {
  @override
 Widget build(BuildContext context) {
    return new Scaffold(
      appBar: new AppBar(
        title: new Text('Pick an option'),
      ),
      body: new Center(
        child: new Column(
          mainAxisAlignment: MainAxisAlignment.center,
          children: <Widget>[
            new Padding(
              padding: const EdgeInsets.all(8.0),
              child: new RaisedButton(
                onPressed: () {
                  // Close the screen and return "Yep!" as the result
                 Navigator.pop(context, 'Yep!');
                child: new Text('Yep!'),
              ),
            ),
            new Padding(
              padding: const EdgeInsets.all(8.0),
              child: new RaisedButton(
                onPressed: () {
                  // Close the screen and return "Nope!" as the result
                  Navigator.pop(context, 'Nope.');
                },
                child: new Text('Nope.'),
              ),
            )
          ],
        ),
```

```
);
}
}
```



A description of what needs to be done for Todo 1



Fetch data from the internet

Fetching data from the internet is necessary for most apps. Luckily, Dart and Flutter provide tools for this type of work!

Directions

- 1. Make a network request using the http package
- 2. Convert the response into a custom Dart object

1. Make a network request

The http package provides the simplest way to fetch data from the internet.

In this example, we'll fetch a sample post from the <u>JSONPlaceholder REST API</u> using the http.get method.

```
Future<http.Response> fetchPost() {
   return http.get('https://jsonplaceholder.typicode.com/posts/1');
}
```

The http:get method returns a Future that contains a Response.

- <u>Future</u> is
 - a core Dart class for working with async operations. It is used to represent a potential value or error that will be available at some time in the future.
- The http.Response class contains the data received from a successful http call.

2. Convert the response into a custom Dart object

While it's easy to make a network request, working with a raw Future<http.Response> isn't very convenient. To make our lives easier, we can convert the http.Response into our own Dart object.

Create a Post class

First, we'll need to create a Post class that contains the data from our network request. It will also include a factory constructor that allows us to create a Post from json.

Converting JSON by hand is only one option. For more information, please see the full article on ISON and serialization.

```
class Post {
  final int userId;
  final int id;
  final String title;
  final String body;

Post({this.userId, this.id, this.title, this.body});

factory Post.fromJson(Map<String, dynamic> json) {
  return new Post(
    userId: json['userId'],
    id: json['id'],
    title: json['title'],
    body: json['body'],
    );
  }
}
```

Convert the http.Response to a Post

Now, we'll update the fetchPost function to return a Future<Post>. To do so, we'll need to:

- 1. Convert the response body into a json Map with the dart:convert package
- 2. Convert the json Map into a Post using the from Json factory.

```
Future<Post> fetchPost() async {
  final response = await
http.get('https://jsonplaceholder.typicode.com/posts/1');
  final json = JSON.decode(response.body);

return new Post.fromJson(json);
}
```

Hooray! Now we've got a function that we can call to fetch a Post from the internet!

```
import 'dart:async';
```

```
import 'dart:convert';
import 'package:http/http.dart' as http;
Future<Post> fetchPost() async {
  final response = await
http.get('https://jsonplaceholder.typicode.com/posts/1');
  final json = JSON.decode(response.body);
 return new Post.fromJson(json);
class Post {
 final int userId;
 final int id;
 final String title;
 final String body;
 Post({this.userId, this.id, this.title, this.body});
 factory Post.fromJson(Map<String, dynamic> json) {
   return new Post(
     userId: json['userId'],
     id: json['id'],
     title: json['title'],
     body: json['body'],
    );
  }
}
```

Making authenticated requests

In order to fetch data from many web services, you need to provide authorization. There are many ways to do this, but perhaps the most common requires using the Authorization HTTP header.

Add Authorization Headers

The http package provides a convenient way to add headers to your requests. You can also take advantage of the dart:io package for common httpHeaders.

```
Future<http.Response> fetchPost() {
   return http.get(
     'https://jsonplaceholder.typicode.com/posts/1',
     // Send authorization headers to your backend
   headers: {HttpHeaders.AUTHORIZATION: "Basic your_api_token_here"},
   );
}
```

Complete Example

This example builds upon the Fetching Data from the Internet recipe.

```
import 'dart:async';
import 'dart:convert';
import 'dart:io';
import 'package:http/http.dart' as http;
Future<Post> fetchPost() async {
  final response = await http.get(
    'https://jsonplaceholder.typicode.com/posts/1',
    headers: {HttpHeaders.AUTHORIZATION: "Basic your_api_token_here"},
  final json = JSON.decode(response.body);
 return new Post.fromJson(json);
}
class Post {
 final int userId;
 final int id;
 final String title;
  final String body;
  Post({this.userId, this.id, this.title, this.body});
  factory Post.fromJson(Map<String, dynamic> json) {
    return new Post(
      userId: json['userId'],
      id: json['id'],
      title: json['title'],
      body: json['body'],
    );
  }
```

Working with WebSockets

In addition to normal HTTP requests, we can connect to servers using WebSockets. WebSockets allow for two-way communication with a server without polling.

In this example, we'll connect to a [test server provided by websocket.org] (http://www.websocket.org/echo.html). The server will simply send back the same message we send to it!

Directions

- 1. Connect to a WebSocket server
- 2. Listen for messages from the server
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1. Connect to a WebSocket server

The <u>web_socket_channel</u> package provides the tools we'll need to connect to a WebSocket server.

The package provides a WebsocketChannel that allows us to both listen for messages from the server as well as push messages to the server.

In Flutter, we can create a WebSocketChannel that connects to a server in one line:

```
final channel = new IOWebSocketChannel.connect('ws://echo.websocket.org');
```

2. Listen for messages from the server

Now that we've established a connection, we can listen to messages from our server.

After we send a message to the test server, it will send the same message back.

How how do we listen for messages and display them? In this example, we'll use a StreamBuilder Widget to listen for new messages and a Text Widget to display them.

```
new StreamBuilder(
  stream: widget.channel.stream,
  builder: (context, snapshot) {
    return new Text(snapshot.hasData ? '${snapshot.data}' : '');
  },
);
```

How does this work?

The WebsocketChannel provides a <u>Stream</u> of messages from the server.

The <u>Stream</u> class is a fundamental part of the <u>dart:async</u> package. It provides a way to listen to async events from a data source. Unlike <u>Future</u>, which returns a single async response, the <u>Stream</u> class can deliver many events over time.

The <u>StreamBuilder</u> Widget will connect to a <u>Stream</u> and ask Flutter to rebuild every time it receives an event using the given <u>builder</u> function!

3. Send Data to the Server

In order to send data to the server, we'll add messages to the sink provided by the WebSocketChannel.

```
channel.sink.add('Hello!');
```

How does this work

The WebSocketChannel provides a <u>StreamSink</u> to push messages to the server.

The StreamSink class provides a general way to add sync or async events to a data source.

4. Close the WebSocket connection

After we're done using the WebSocket, we'll want to close the connection! To do so, we can close the sink.

```
channel.sink.close();
```

```
import 'package:flutter/foundation.dart';
import 'package:web_socket_channel/io.dart';
import 'package:flutter/material.dart';
import 'package:web_socket_channel/web_socket_channel.dart';

void main() => runApp(new MyApp());

class MyApp extends StatelessWidget {
   @override

Widget build(BuildContext context) {
   final title = 'WebSocket Demo';
   return new MaterialApp(
        title: title,
        home: new MyHomePage(
        title: title,
        channel: new IOWebSocketChannel.connect('ws://echo.websocket.org'),
   ),
}
```

```
);
  }
}
class MyHomePage extends StatefulWidget {
  final String title;
  final WebSocketChannel channel;
  MyHomePage({Key key, @required this.title, @required this.channel})
      : super(key: key);
  @override
  _MyHomePageState createState() => new _MyHomePageState();
}
class _MyHomePageState extends State<MyHomePage> {
  TextEditingController _controller = new TextEditingController();
  @override
  Widget build(BuildContext context) {
    return new Scaffold(
      appBar: new AppBar(
        title: new Text(widget.title),
      ),
      body: new Padding(
        padding: const EdgeInsets.all(20.0),
        child: new Column(
          crossAxisAlignment: CrossAxisAlignment.start,
          children: <Widget>[
            new Form(
              child: new TextFormField(
                controller: _controller,
                decoration: new InputDecoration(labelText: 'Send a
message'),
              ),
            ),
            new StreamBuilder(
              stream: widget.channel.stream,
              builder: (context, snapshot) {
                return new Padding(
                  padding: const EdgeInsets.symmetric(vertical: 24.0),
                  child: new Text(snapshot.hasData ? '${snapshot.data}' :
''),
                );
              },
          ],
        ),
      ),
```

```
floatingActionButton: new FloatingActionButton(
        onPressed: _sendMessage,
        tooltip: 'Send message',
        child: new Icon(Icons.send),
      ), // This trailing comma makes auto-formatting nicer for build
methods.
   );
  }
 void _sendMessage() {
    if (_controller.text.isNotEmpty) {
      widget.channel.sink.add(_controller.text);
    }
  }
  @override
 void dispose() {
    widget.channel.sink.close();
    super.dispose();
 }
}
```





WebSocket Demo

Send a message

Hello Flutter



