

AM 04

Q1.

Explain key features & advantages of using flutter for mobile app development.

Ans

A] Single codebase for multiple platforms. One codebase for both Android and iOS, reducing development effort.

i) Hot-reload - instantly see changes in app without restarting making development faster

ii) Fast performance - Use dart language and a compiled approach for smooth & high performance apps.

iii) Open source & strong community support - backed by Google and a large developer community, ensuring continuous improvement.

Advantages:

- 1) Faster development time: Hot-reload & single codebase reduce development time.
- 2) Cost effective: Since code runs on both Android and iOS, business save on development & maintenance.
- 3) Reduce performance issues: The app runs natively without relying on intermediate bridge like in react native.

B] Discuss how flutter framework differs from traditional approach and why it has gained popularity.

Ans:

Single codebase VS Separate codebase

Traditional Approach: Developers need to write separate code for Android & iOS.

Flutter uses a single dart based codebase for platform reducing time & effort.



2. Rendering Engine vs Native UI  
Traditional approach: relies on platform native UI component which can lead to inconsistency.

Flutter uses the skill rendering engine to draw environment from scratch ensuring consistent UI across devices.

Why Flutter gained popularity?  
Ans.

i) Faster development with Hot Restart, can instantly UI changes without restarting app making development easier.

ii) Cross platform efficiency: business save time & resources by maintaining single codebase for multiple platform.

iii) Consistent UI across devices since Flutter does not rely on native components.

iv) Improved performance: No compilation and direct access to GPU rendering ensuring smooth animation.

Q2. Describe the concept of widget tree in flutter.

Explain how widget composition is used to build complex UI.

Ans.

Widget Tree in Flutter

i) It is the fundamental structing UI of application.

ii) It is hierarchical arrangement of widget can be stateless or stateful.

iii) Widget tree determine how UI is rendered and updated when changes occur.



## Widget Composition in Flutter

- i) It refers to building complex UI of by widget composition combining smaller reusable widget.
- ii) Instead of creating large monolithic UI component, Flutter encourages breaking the UI into smaller widgets to be reused.

eg.

```
class ProfileCard extends StatelessWidget {  
  final String name;  
  final String components;  
  ProfileCard({? required this.name, req. this.imgUrl});  
  @override  
  Widget build(BuildContext context) {  
    return Card(  
      child: Column(  
        children: [  
          Image.network('image-url')  
          • SizedBox(height: 10)  
        ]  
      )  
    );  
  }  
}
```

## Benefits:

- 1) Reusability - Small widgets can be reused in different parts of app.
- 2) Maintainability - Breaking UI into smaller widget makes it easier to debug & update.
- 3) Performance - Flutter efficiently rebuilds only the necessary parts of widget tree.



## 2] Firebase Authentication

Enables secure authentication using email/password phone no. & third party providers like Google, Facebook & Apple.

2] Cloud Firestore - store and sync data in real time across device support structure data queries and offline access.

eg.

```
Firebase Firestore instance collection('user').add({  
  'name': 'JohnDoe',  
  'email': 'JohnDoe@gmail.com',  
});
```

## 3] Realtime Database

A realtime JSON database that automatically updates data across devices.

eg. Database Reference ref = Firebase.Database instance ref.  
let { "text": "Hello, Firebase" }

## 4] ~~Firebase~~ cloud messaging (FCM)

Enables push notification and messaging between users  
ex. Fire messaging, instance subscribe ToTopic("news")

## 5] Firebase Hosting

Deploys and serves webapp securely with automatic.



## → Data Synchronisation in Firebase

Firebase ensures real-time data synchronisation across multiple devices and platforms using Firestore and Cloud Firestore.

### 1) Cloud Firestore sync mechanism.

Use realtime listeners to update UI instantly when data changes.

ex: `firebase.firestore().collection("users").snapshot().`

```
for (var doc of snapshot.docs) {  
  print(doc.data());  
}
```

### → Runtime Database Sync Mechanism.

Uses persistent websocket connection you live updates.

ex.

`DatabaseReference refs = firebase.database.getInstance().`

`ref("Message").`

```
ref.onValueChange(new ValueEventListener() {  
  print(event.snapshot.value);  
});
```

### → Offline Data sync.

Firestore caches data locally & sync changes when the developer is online.

ex. `firebase.firestore().enablePersistence().`

### → Cloud function for automated updates.

Automates backend logic to trigger when data changes.