

# Appendix C: Installation and User Guide

## C.1 Overview

The repository is organized as:

- `frontend/` — Flutter mobile app (primary target: iOS).
- `backend/` — FastAPI server exposing REST endpoints.
- `models/nlu_model/` — NLU training code and a lightweight inference service

## C.2 Prerequisites

- **OS for iOS dev:** macOS 13+
- **Xcode:** 18+ (with iOS Simulator); CocoaPods 1.13+ (`sudo gem install cocoapods`)
- **Flutter SDK:** 3.x (Dart 3.x). Verify with `flutter --version`
- **Python:** 3.11 with `pip` (recommend using `virtualenv`)
- **Git**
- **Google Cloud keys:**
  - Maps **SDK for iOS** (for the embedded map in Flutter)
  - **Places API** and **Directions API** keys (used by the backend)
- **OpenAI API keys:**

## C.3 API KEYs and Address Modification:

1. Clone Github Repository
2. iOS Maps SDK key: path: `ios/Runner/Info.plist`, find the `<key>GMSApiKey</key>` and modify
3. Backend API keys: path: `app/config/config.py`, find and modify `google_maps_api_key`, `openai_api_key`, `openai_base_url`, `openai_model`, `mongo_db(optional)`
4. Model address: `nlu_basic_model_url`, `mongo_uri`

## C.4 Backend Setup (FastAPI)

Enter the backend folder and enter the terminal, enter the command: (create your python env first):

```
pip install -r requirements.txt
python -m uvicorn app.main:app --host 192.168.0.207 --port 8000 --reload
```

## C.5 NLU: Train and Serve (Flask)

### For **Train**

Enter the models/nlu\_model folder and enter the terminal:

```
pip install -r requirements.txt
python train.py
```

### For **Deployment**

Enter the models/nlu\_model folder and enter the terminal:

```
python app.py --host 0.0.0.0 --port 4000
```

## C.5 Frontend App

Enter the Frontend folder and enter the terminal:

```
flutter pub get
flutter run
```

### If running on a physical device:

1. Open [ios/Runner.xcworkspace](#) in Xcode.
2. Set a unique **Bundle Identifier** and your **Apple Team** (signing).
3. Build & run on your device.

## C.6 Run Order (Dev)

1. **Start NLU** service ([models/nlu\\_model/app.py](#) on port 9000).
2. **Start Backend** ([uvicorn](#) on port 8000), with [NLU\\_BASE\\_URL](#) pointing to #1.
3. **Run Frontend** ([flutter run](#)) with [backendBaseUrl](#) pointing to #2.