

This page addresses a caveat of the on-device iOS hot-reload development workflow.

It may be relevant to you if:

- You cannot launch more apps on your iOS device after developing a Flutter app for a while.
- You frequently launch *debug-mode* apps from the home screen and develop with `flutter attach`.
- You are seeing a warning mentioning this wiki page.

Problem

When a *debug-mode* app is installed on an iOS device and launched from within the device, it will leak some system resources per launch which are not reclaimed by iOS until the device restarts. You may not be able to launch apps after some point.

Solutions

There are three solutions:

- Install a release/profile build. Release and profile builds do not suffer from this issue, and **only** release builds can be deployed to end users via the App Store. They are also more appropriate for testing since their performance is representative of what end users will experience.
- Debug your app from a host workstation/laptop, launching it from within an IDE (such as Xcode or Visual Studio Code) or the `flutter run` command-line tool.
- Restart your iOS device.