

Make sure you have the following dependencies available:

- Linux, Mac OS X, or Windows.
- git (used for source version control).
- An IDE. Android Studio with the Flutter plugin is our flagship IDE. You can use whatever IDE you feel most comfortable with.
- An ssh client (used to authenticate with GitHub).
- Python (used by some of our tools).
- The Android platform tools.

You can install this using one of the following commands:

- Mac: `brew install --cask android-platform-tools`
- Linux: `sudo apt-get install android-tools-adb`

If you're also working on the Flutter engine, you can use the copy of the Android platform tools in `.../engine/src/third_party/android_tools/sdk/platform-tools`.

Run the following steps to set up your environment:

1. Ensure that `adb` (from the Android platform tools) is in your path (e.g., that `which adb` prints sensible output).
2. Fork <https://github.com/flutter/flutter> into your own GitHub account. If you already have a fork, and are now installing a development environment on a new machine, make sure you've updated your fork so that you don't use stale configuration options from long ago.
3. If you haven't configured your machine with an SSH key that's known to github then follow the directions here: <https://help.github.com/articles/generating-ssh-keys/>.
4. `git clone git@github.com:<github_username>/flutter.git`
5. `cd flutter`
6. `git remote add upstream git@github.com:flutter/flutter.git`  
(So that you fetch from the master repository, not your clone, when running `git fetch` et al.)
7. Add this repository's `bin` directory to your path. That will let you use the `flutter` command in this directory more easily.
8. Run `flutter update-packages` This will fetch all the Dart packages that Flutter depends on. If version solving failed, try `git fetch upstream` to update Flutter versions before `flutter update-packages`. (You can replicate most of what this script does by running `pub get` in each directory that contains a `pubspec.yaml` file, which is rather tedious, hence the script.)

9. If you plan on using IntelliJ as your IDE, then also run `flutter ide-config --overwrite` to create all of the IntelliJ configuration files so you can open the main flutter directory as a project and run examples from within the IDE.

Next steps:

- [\[\[Running examples\]\]](#), to see if your setup works.
- [\[\[The flutter tool\]\]](#), to learn about how the `flutter` command line tool works.
- [\[\[Style guide for Flutter repo\]\]](#), to learn how to write code for Flutter.
- [\[\[Tree hygiene\]\]](#), to learn about how to submit patches.
- [\[\[Signing commits\]\]](#), to configure your environment to securely sign your commits.