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Assignment-1

Q.1 a) Explain the key features and advantages of using Flutter for mobile app development.

→ ① Single code base: Develop for ios and android from a unifide codebase, reducing development time and efforts.

② Hot reload: Real time code changes without restarting the run process, enhancing development efficiency.

③ Rich widget library: Pre-designed, customizable widgets for consistent and visually appealing user interface.

④ High performance: Flutter compiles to native ARM code & uses the skia graphics engine, ensuring smooth performance.

⑤ Cost effective: Reduce development cost with single code base & efficient development process.

b) Discuss how the flutter framework differs from traditional approaches & why it has gained popularity in the development community.

→ ① Dart language: Flutter employs dart, a language specific to framework, different from platform specific languages used in traditional approach.

② Efficient and Time saving: Flutter reduces development time for ios & android by enabling single code base.

Also reduce development time by implementing code

reusability.

(iii) Consistent UI Across the platforms: Flutter ensures a uniform user interface on iOS & Android.

Q.2. a) Describe the concept of the widget tree in Flutter. Explain how widget composition is used to build complex user interface.

→ In Flutter, the widget tree is a hierarchical representation of user interface components where each node corresponds to a widget defining the structure & appearance of the UI. Widgets serve as a fundamental building block, ranging from basic elements like buttons & text to more complex structures.

Widget composition is a core concept in Flutter, allowing development to build intricate user interfaces through the assembly of simple & reusable widgets. This process involves combining, nesting & configuring widgets to create modular components. Developers start with foundational widgets & progressively compose them into more sophisticated structures.

The hierarchical arrangement of widgets in the tree mirrors the layout & composition of the UI. Widgets can be nested, allowing for the creation of complex interfaces.

Q.3 a) Discuss the importance of state management in Flutter application

→ ① Dynamic User interface: state management is critical for handling dynamic changes in user interfaces. Whether its updating UI elements in response to user interactions or reflecting changes in data, effective state management ensures that the UI remains responsive & reflects the current application state.

• Code reusability: well-managed state enables the creation of modular & reusable components. In Flutter, where widgets can be composed and reused, effective state management ensures that these components can be easily integrated into different parts of application, promoting a PRY codebase.

• Cross screen communication: state management facilitate communication between different screens or components of an application, allowing them to share & synchronize data.

b) Compare and contrast the different state management approaches available in flutter. Such as set state, provider & riverpod. provide scenarios where each approach is suitable.

→ ① set state: The setstate method is a built-in mechanism in flutter for managing the internal

State of stateful widget

Scenarios: state is suitable for small to moderately complex UI's where state changes are localized to specific widget & don't to be shared across the entire application.

(i) Provider: The provider package is a popular & light weight state management solution in Flutter. It follows the provider pattern & is based on inherited widget.

Scenarios: Provider is suitable for managing state within specific parts of widget tree, creating a scoped and efficient solution.

(ii) Riverpod: Riverpod is an advanced state management library and a successor to provider. It provides a broader set of features & is designed to be more modular & testable.

Complex application: Riverpod is suitable for large & complex application where more structured & testable state management approach is needed.

Q.4.a) Explain the process of integrating Firebase with flutter application. Discuss the benefits of using fire base as a backend solution.

→ (i) Create firebase project:

Start by creating a project in fire base console & configure your app. Add fire base to flutter project.

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b) Provide examples of commonly used widgets and their roles in creating a widget tree.

→ There are following commonly used widgets in flutter and their roles in widget tree:

① Container widgets:

Container widget is a versatile container that can hold & decorate other widgets.

Eg,

dart:

```
Widget build(BuildContext context){  
  return Container(  
    child: Text('Hello, world'),  
  );  
}
```

② Column & row widgets:

These widgets organize child widgets vertically (column) or horizontally (row)

eg,

dart

```
Widget build(BuildContext context){  
  return Column(  
    children: [  
      Text('Item1'), Hello How are you.  
      Text('Item2'),  
    ],  
  );  
}
```


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⑥ ListView widgets:

creates a scrollable list of widgets.

Eg,

dart

```
Widget build(BuildContext context) {
```

```
  return ListView(
```

```
    children: [
```

```
      ListTile(title: Text('Item1'),
```

```
      ListTile(title: Text('Item2'),
```

```
    ],
```

```
  );
```

```
}
```

⑦ AppBar Widgets:

Represents the app bar at the top of the screen

Eg,

dart

```
Widget build(BuildContext context) {
```

```
  return Scaffold(
```

```
    appBar: AppBar(
```

```
      title: Text('My App'),
```

```
    ),
```

```
    body:
```

```
  );
```

```
}
```

In your flutter project, add the necessary dependencies by updating pubspec.yaml file:

yaml:

dependencies:

firebase_core: ^ latest version

firebase_auth: ^ latest version

cloud_firestore: ^ latest version

Run flutter pub get to fetch the dependencies.

Initialize firebase in your flutter app by calling firebase.initializeApp() in the main() method:-

dart:-

Import package: 'firebase_core/firebase_core.dart';

void main() async {

WidgetsFlutterBinding.ensureInitialized();

await firebase.initializeApp();

runApp(MyApp());

}

Use firebase service like authentication, firestore in flutter app by importing the relevant packages and initializing them using firebase project credentials dart:-


```
import 'package:firebase_auth/firebase_auth.dart';  
import 'package:cloud_firestore/cloud_firestore.dart';
```

// Authentication

```
firebaseAuth auth = FirebaseAuth.instance;  
User? user = auth.currentUser;
```

// Cloud Firestore

```
Firestore firestore = Firebase.firestore;
```

Authentication & database operations:

// authentication

```
Future<void> signIn() async {  
  await auth.signInWithEmailAndPassword(  
    email: 'user@example.com', password: 'Pass');  
}
```

// Firestore

```
Future<void> addUser() {  
  return firestore.collection('user').doc(userID)  
    .set(  
    { 'name': 'John Doe', age: 30 } );  
}
```

Benefits of using firebase as a backend:

- Firebase allows development to manage & persist user authentication states, offering seamless user experience.

- Firebase analytics provides insights into user behaviour and crashlytics reporting crash for the better app stability and performance monitoring.
- It integrates seamlessly with Flutter, firebase effects a generic tree fire & providing a range of SDK, and plugins that simply backend of infrastructure based on demand.

b) Highlight the firebase services commonly used in Flutter development and provide a brief overview of how data synchronization is achieved.

- (i) Provides secure user authentication using various methods such as email/password, google sign-in & many more.
- (ii) A non-SQL, real time database that allows for seamless data synchronization across device. It supports complex queries, offline data access & real-time update.
- (iii) An older, JSON-based database offering real-time synchronization. Its suitable for application requiring a simple JSON structure & real time data updates.
- (iv) Server-less Functions that run in response to an events triggered by firebase feature.

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as HTTPs request.

- Firestone achieves real time data Synchronization through the use of data libraries. When data in Firestone database, the associated libraries are notified & UI is automatically updated. This is based on the Observer pattern, where the UI components takes the changes to specific data in dataset.