# Chapter 5

Scrollable Widgets

# Widget Theory. We'll explore:

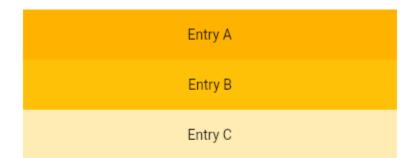
- How to use ListView
- How to nest scroll views
- How to leverage the power of GridView

#### What is a ListView?

- Is the most commonly used scrolling widget.
- It displays its children one after another in the scroll direction, i.e. vertical or horizontal.
- There are different types of ListViews:
  - ListView
  - ListView.builder
  - ListView.separated
  - ListView.custom

- The default constructor takes an explicit List<Widget> of children.
- This constructor is appropriate for list views with a small number of children because constructing the List requires doing work for every child that could possibly be displayed in the list view instead of just those children that are actually visible.

```
ListView(
 padding: const EdgeInsets.all(8),
 children: <Widget>[
  Container(
   height: 50,
   color: Colors.amber[600],
   child: const Center(child: Text('Entry A')),
  Container(
   height: 50,
   color: Colors.amber[500],
   child: const Center(child: Text('Entry B')),
  Container(
   height: 50,
   color: Colors.amber[100],
   child: const Center(child: Text('Entry C')),
```



- The ListView.builder constructor takes an IndexedWidgetBuilder, which builds the children on demand.
- This constructor is appropriate for list views with a large (or infinite) number of children because the builder is called only for those children that are actually visible.

```
final List<String> entries = <String>['A', 'B', 'C'];
final List<int> colorCodes = <int>[600, 500, 100];

ListView.builder(
  padding: const EdgeInsets.all(8),
  itemCount: entries.length,
  itemBuilder: (BuildContext context, int index) {
    return Container(
     height: 50,
     color: Colors.amber[colorCodes[index]],
     child: Center(child: Text('Entry ${entries[index]}));
  }
};
}
```

Entry A

Entry B

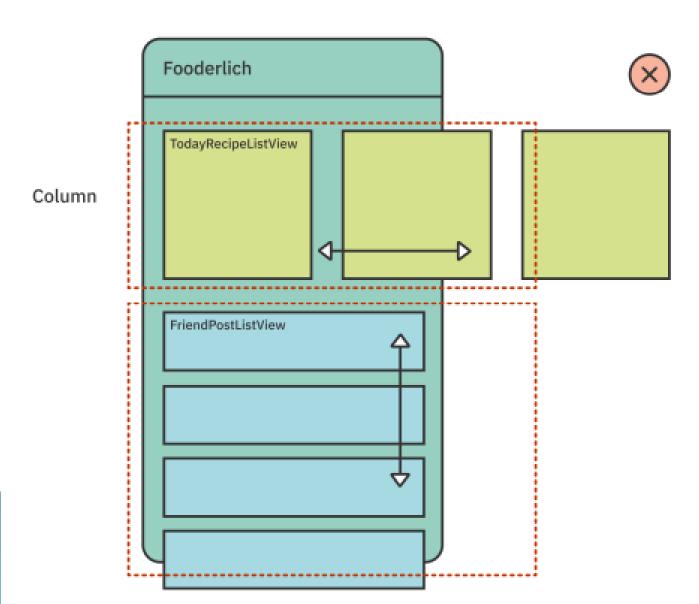
Entry C

- The ListView.separated constructor takes two IndexedWidgetBuilders: itemBuilder builds child items on demand, and separatorBuilder similarly builds separator children which appear in between the child items.
- This constructor is appropriate for list views with a fixed number of children.

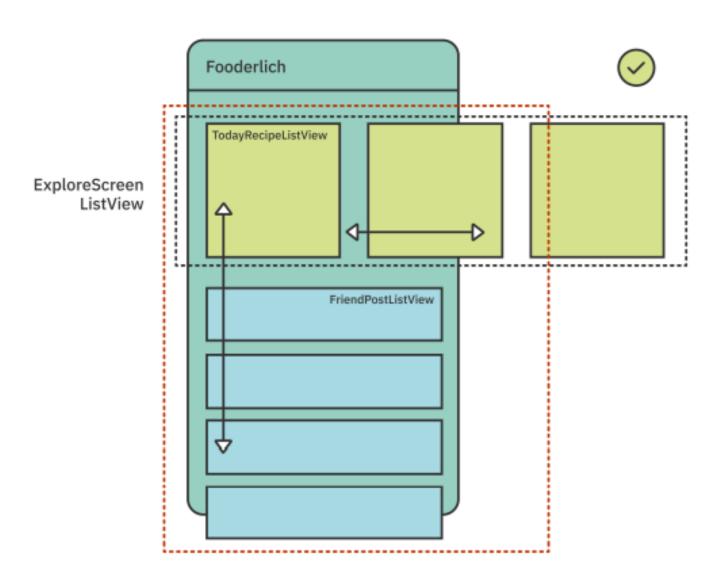
- The ListView.custom constructor takes a
   SliverChildDelegate, which provides the ability to customize additional aspects of the child model.
- For example, a SliverChildDelegate can control the algorithm used to estimate the size of children that are not actually visible.

```
CustomScrollView(
 shrinkWrap: true,
 slivers: <Widget>[
  SliverPadding(
   padding: const EdgeInsets.all(20.0),
   sliver: SliverList(
     delegate: SliverChildListDelegate(
      <Widget>[
       const Text("I'm dedicating every day to you"),
       const Text('Domestic life was never quite my style'),
       const Text('When you smile, you knock me out, I fall apart'),
       const Text('And I thought I was so smart'),
```

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- A scrolling view inside of which can be nested other scrolling views, with their scroll positions being intrinsically linked.
- The most common use case for this widget is a scrollable view with a flexible SliverAppBar containing a TabBar in the header.

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- A GridView is basically a CustomScrollView with a single SliverGrid in its CustomScrollView.slivers property.
- If GridView is no longer sufficient, for example because the scroll view is to have both a grid and a list, or because the grid is to be combined with a SliverAppBar.

```
GridView.count(
 primary: false,
 padding: const EdgeInsets.all(20),
 crossAxisSpacing: 10,
 mainAxisSpacing: 10,
 crossAxisCount: 2,
 children: <Widget>[
  Container(
    padding: const EdgeInsets.all(8),
    child: const Text("He'd have you all unravel at the"),
    color: Colors.teal[100],
  Container(
    padding: const EdgeInsets.all(8),
    child: const Text('Heed not the rabble'),
    color: Colors.teal[200],
```

```
Container(
    padding: const EdgeInsets.all(8),
    child: const Text('Sound of screams but the'),
    color: Colors.teal[300],
  Container(
    padding: const EdgeInsets.all(8),
    child: const Text('Who scream'),
    color: Colors.teal[400],
  Container(
    padding: const EdgeInsets.all(8),
    child: const Text('Revolution is coming...'),
    color: Colors.teal[500],
  Container(
    padding: const EdgeInsets.all(8),
    child: const Text('Revolution, they...'),
    color: Colors.teal[600],
```