

## Flutter

#### What is Flutter?

A SDK that makes building high-performing, modern and beautiful apps easy

Works for both Android and iOS

An open-source toolkit, developed by Google\*

**100+** contributions from the open source community



#### Who is Flutter for?

Designers converge on a brand-driven experience on Android and iOS

Prototypers enjoy a high-fidelity and fast way to build working prototypes.

**Developers** benefit from fantastic developer tools, an easy-to-use language, a rich set of widgets and great IDE support. Flutter frees up valuable time for working on features and delightful experiences.

#### **Course Plan**

Week 1 Installation + hello world + Calculator

Week 2 Connecting database + sign up and login

Week 3 Adding more pages to the app

Week 4 Lists and material design and app polish + project

# 1. Developer Experience Performance

# Design-oriented Development Flow

#### What do you see here?



#### **Oeschinen Lake Campground**

Kandersteg, Switzerland







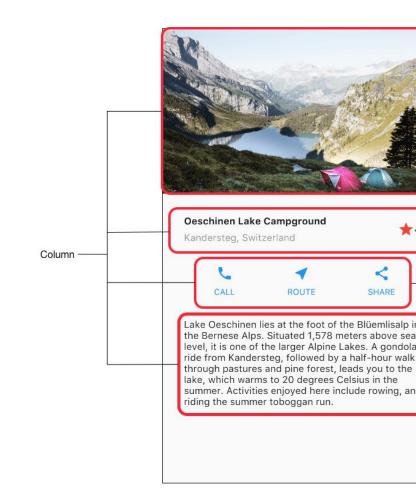


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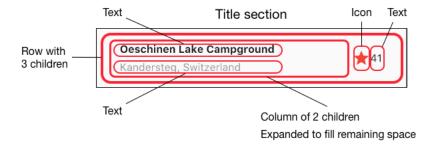
Lake Oeschinen lies at the foot of the Blüemlisalp in the Bernese Alps. Situated 1,578 meters above sea level, it is one of the larger Alpine Lakes. A gondola ride from Kandersteg, followed by a half-hour walk through pastures and pine forest, leads you to the lake, which warms to 20 degrees Celsius in the summer. Activities enjoyed here include rowing, and riding the summer toboggan run.

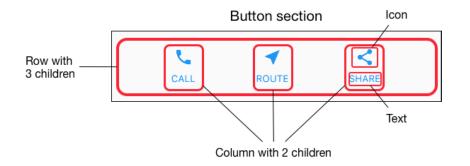
#### Diagram the Layout

- Look for rows and columns
- Is there a grid?
- Any overlapping elements?
- Do we need tabs?
- Padding, alignment or borders needed?



#### Designing bottom up





#### HTML/CSS Analogs in Flutter

```
<div class="greybox">
  Lorem ipsum
</div>
.greybox {
  background-color: #e0e0e0; /* grey 300 */
  width: 320px;
  height: 240px;
  font: 900 24px Georgia;
  }
```

```
var container = new Container( // grey box
 child: new Text(
  "Lorem ipsum",
  style: new TextStyle(
   fontSize: 24.0
   fontWeight: FontWeight.w900,
   fontFamily: "Georgia",
 width: 320.0,
 height: 240.0,
 color: Colors.grey[300],
```

# Efficient Tooling

#### \$ flutter doctor

Checks your environment and displays a report to the terminal window

#### \$ flutter upgrade

Updates both the Flutter SDK and your packages

#### pubspec.vaml

name: flutter\_project
description: An amazing Flutter project using Firebase Auth

dependencies:

flutter:

sdk: flutter

firebase\_auth: "^0.2.5"

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#### \$ flutter packages get

Checks your environment and displays a report to the terminal window

#### \$ flutter packages\_upgrade

Will retrieve the highest available version of the package

#### \$ flutter format

Automatically formats your code according to the Flutter-style

#### \$ flutter analyze

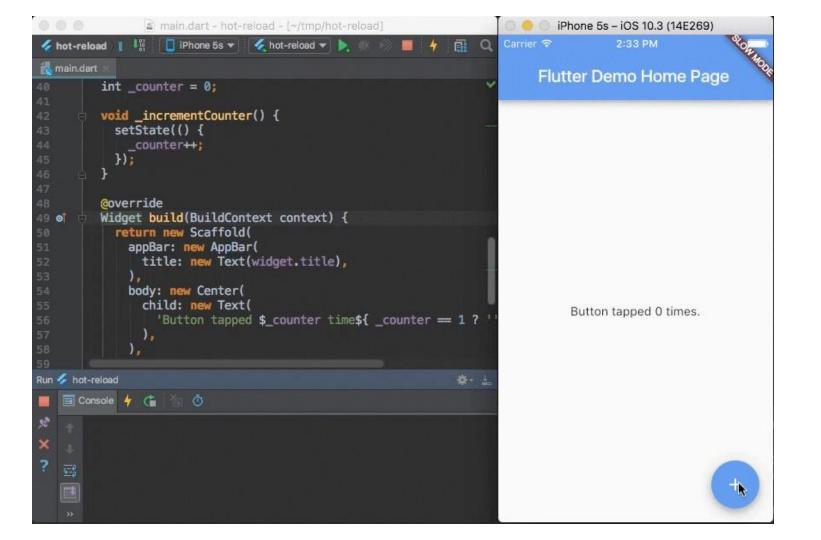
Analyzes your code and help you find possible mistakes

#### Hot Reload

Injecting updated source code files into the running Dart VM

Stateful: App state is retained after a reload.

Quickly iterate on a screen deeply nested in your app



#### **Dart Observatory**

Statement-level single-stepping debugger and profiler

Automatically running when you start your app using flutter run

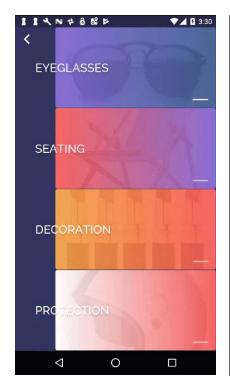
**See** which lines of code have executed

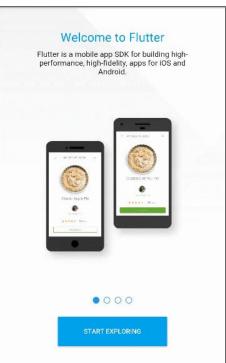
**Check** out memory allocations

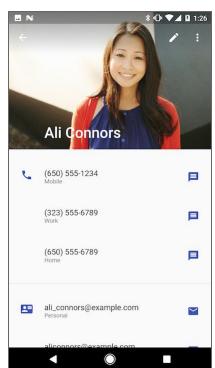
**Debug** memory leaks & fragmentation

# The Power of Widgets

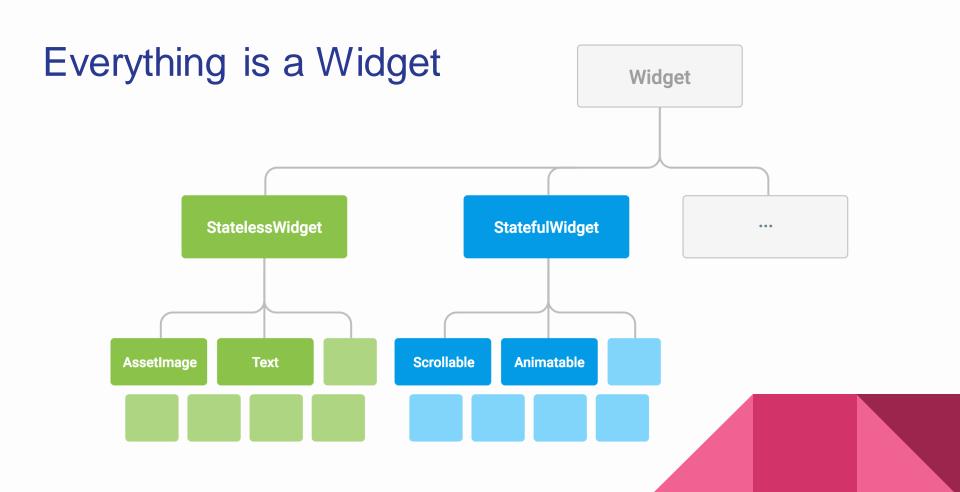
#### Great looking and fast Widgets











#### Goodbye, global layout system

```
new Center(
child: new Text('Centered Text', style: textStyle),
)
```

**Local layouts**: Every Widget defines it's **own** layout. No need to tell the parent that it's children are supposed to be centered.

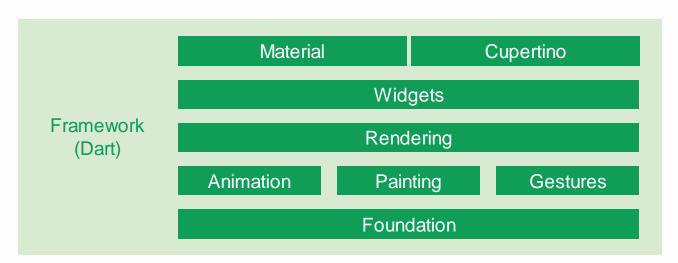
# StatefulWidget vs. StatelessWidget

#### Customizing and extending Widgets

Flutter's Widget system was designed to be easily customizable

**Composition**: Widgets are built out of smaller widgets that you can reuse and combine in novel ways to make custom widgets

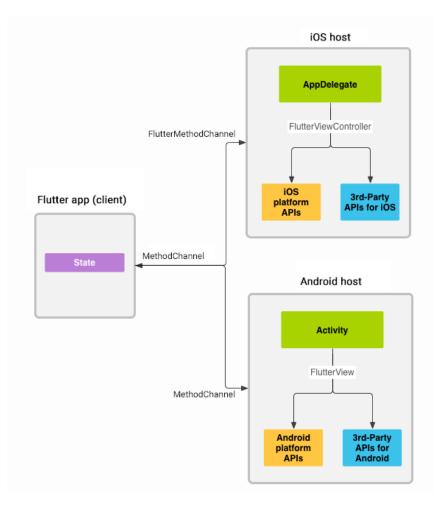
```
class RaisedButton extends StatelessWidget { ...
```



Each layer builds upon the previous layer



## Platform Channels



Using platform channels allows for receiving method calls and sending back results

#### Example: Retrieving the battery level\*

```
class MainActivity(): FlutterActivity() {
 private val CHANNEL = "samples.flutter.io/battery"
 override fun onCreate(savedInstanceState: Bundle?) {
  super.onCreate(savedInstanceState)
  GeneratedPluginRegistrant.registerWith(this)
  MethodChannel(flutterView, CHANNEL).setMethodCallHandler { call, result ->
```

\* Example written in Kotlin for Android

#### Working with the response argument\*

```
MethodChannel(flutterView, CHANNEL).setMethodCallHandler { call, result ->
 if (call.method == "getBatteryLevel") {
  val batteryLevel = getBatteryLevel()
   if (batteryLevel != -1) {
     result.success(batteryLevel)
    } else {
     result.error("UNAVAILABLE", "Battery level not available.", null)
 } else {
  result.notImplemented()
```

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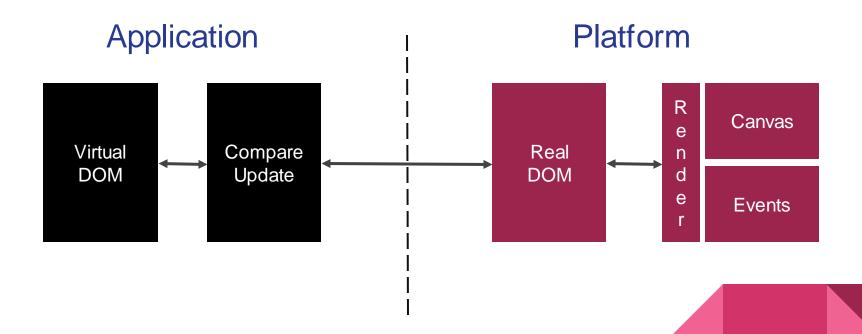
#### Flutter-side invocation of platform methods

```
String_batteryLevel = 'Unknown battery level.';
Future<Null> getBatteryLevel() async {
 String batteryLevel;
 trv {
  final int result = await platform.invokeMethod('getBatteryLevel');
  batteryLevel = 'Battery level at $result % .';
 } on PlatformException catch (e) {
  batteryLevel = "Failed to get battery level: '${e.message}'.";
 setState(() {
  _batteryLevel = batteryLevel;
```

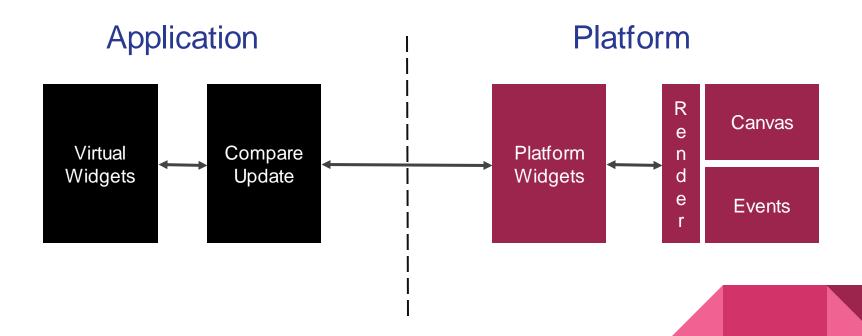
# Optimized for Performance

- Compiles to Native Code No reliance on OEM widgets No bridge needed Structural Repainting

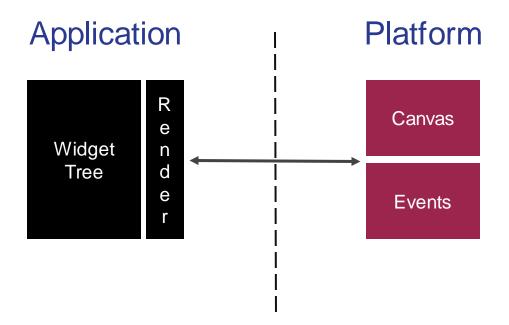
#### Reactive Frameworks on the Web



#### Reactive Frameworks on Mobile



### Using Flutter



# Superpowered by Dart

- Sound type system Tree Shaking Rich core libraries Multi-gen, lockless GC - Single codebase for Android and iOS Rapid development cycles Great tooling

"Running at 60 fps, user interfaces created with Flutter perform far better than those created with other cross-platform development frameworks."

code.tutsplus.com/tutorials/developing-an-android-app-with-flutter--cms-28270

"Coding with Dart and Flutter rekindled the joy I had when I started with mobile dev way back when ... No B.S."

traversoft.com/blog/2017/08/08/conference-app-flutter

# "The UI is butter smooth (when building a release version), I have never seen such a smooth Android app"

Pascal Welsch, Speaker at Droidcon Berlin

#### Additional resources

Blog: What's Revolutionary about Flutter by Wm Leler: goo.gl/bZcFR9

Video: Flutter's Rendering Pipeline by Adam Barth: youtu.be/UUfXWzp0-DU

Video: The Mahogany Staircase by Ian Hickson: youtu.be/dkyY9WCGMi0

And of course: github.com/flutter & flutter.io

## Thank you!

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