

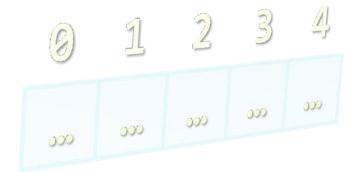
Functional Programming



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Collections





List

Dart has a List<T> type to declare list

```
List<String> colors = ["Red", "Green", "Blue"];
var names = ["Ali", "Ahmed", "Sara"];
const nums = [2, 3, 4];
var nullNums = List<int?>.filled(10, null);
colors.forEach((color) => print(color));
names.forEach((name) => print(name));
nums.forEach((num) => print(num));
nullNums.forEach((num) => print(num));
```

List Methods

```
const nums = [2, 3, 4];
nums.add(8);
nums.insert(0, 1);
nums.removeAt(2);
nums.remove(4);
nums.removeLast();
nums.removeRange(∅, 2);
nums.removeWhere((num) => num > 3);
nums.removeRange(0, nums.length);
nums.addAll([1, 2, 3]);
nums.addAll([4, 5, 6]);
```

List destructuring

 List destructuring allows you to unpack or extract values from a list and assign them to variables in a clean and concise way

```
var fruits = ["Apple", "Banana", "Cherry", "Mango", "Orange"];

// Destructuring the list

// ... is used to unpack the remaining elements

var [firstFruit, secondFruit, thirdFruit, ...others] = fruits;

print("First fruit: $firstFruit"); // Output: First fruit: Apple
print("Second fruit: $secondFruit"); // Output: Second fruit: Banana
print("Third fruit: $thirdFruit"); // Output: Third fruit: Cherry
print("Others: $others"); // Output: Others: [Mango, Orange]
```

Spread operator (...)

- Spread operator (...) allows you to include all elements of one list inside another list
 - It "spreads" the elements of a list into a new list
 - The null-aware spread operator (...?) is used when the list you're spreading might be null

```
List<String> fruits = ["Apple", "Banana"];
List<String> vegetables = ["Carrot", "Broccoli"];

List<String> food = fruits + vegetables;
print(food); // Output: [Apple, Banana, Carrot, Broccoli]

food = [...fruits, ...vegetables];
print(food); // Output: [Apple, Banana, Carrot, Broccoli]
```

Set

Set is same as List but does not allow duplicates

```
final Set<String> colors = {"red", "blue", "yellow"};
colors.add("pink"); // Adding a new element
  // Won't be added again because sets don't allow duplicates
colors.add("blue");
print(colors); // Output: {red, blue, yellow, pink}
```

Map

Stores keys and associated values

```
Map<int, String> languages = {
  1: "Python",
  2: "Kotlin",
  3: "Dart",
};
languages.forEach((key, value) {
  print("$key => $value");
});
```

Lambda





Imperative vs. Declarative

Imperative Programming

• You tell the computer **how** to perform a task

Declarative Programming

- You tell the computer what you want, and you let the compiler (or runtime) figure out the best way to do it. This makes the code simpler and more concise
- Also known as Functional Programming
- Data immutability: reducing the chance of unexpected mutations and making code more predictable (doing .map on list produces a new list and does NOT change the original list)
- Declarative programming using Lambdas helps us to achieve KISS

KEEP IT SHORT & SIMPLE



What is a Lambda?

- Lambda is an **anonymous function** that you can store in a variable, pass them as parameter, or return from other function. It has:
 - Parameters
 - A body
- It don't have a name (anonymous method)
- It can be passed as a parameter to other function:
 - As code to be executed by the receiving function
- Concise syntax:

(Parameters) => Body



Passing Lambda as a Parameter

 Lambda expression can be passed as a parameter to methods such as *forEach*, *where* and *map* methods:

```
var numbers = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9];
numbers.forEach((e) => print(e));
```

forEach - Calls a Lambda on Each Element of the list

- Left side of => operator is a parameter variable
- Right side is the code to operate on the parameter and compute a result
- When using a lambda with a List the compiler can determine the parameter type

Lambda usage

Allows working with collections in a functional style

```
bool isEven(int n) => n \% 2 == 0;
void main() {
 // Range (1 to 10 inclusive)
 List<int> nums = List.generate(10, (i) => i + 1);
 // Version 1
 bool hasEvenNumber = nums.any((n) => n.isEven);
 // Verion 2
 hasEvenNumber = nums.any(isEven);
 // Version 3 - most compact
  hasEvenNumber = nums.any((n) \Rightarrow n % 2 == 0);
  print("Has even number: $hasEvenNumber");
 // Version 1
 List<int> evens = nums.where(isEven).toList();
 // Version 2
  evens = nums.where((n) => n % 2 == 0).toList();
 print("Even numbers: $evens");
```

Lambda usage

e.g. What's the average age of employees working in Doha?

```
List<Employee> employees = [
  Employee(name: "Sara Faleh", city: "Doha", age: 30),
  Employee(name: "Mariam Saleh", city: "Istanbul", age: 22),
  Employee(name: "Ali Al-Ali", city: "Doha", age: 24),
];
// Filtering employees in "Doha", mapping their ages,
// and calculating the average
double avgAge = employees
    .where((employee) => employee.city == "Doha")
    .map((employee) => employee.age)
    .reduce((a, b) => a + b) /
    employees.where((employee) => employee.city == "Doha").length;
```

print("Average age of employees in Doha: \$avgAge");

Common operations on collections

Filter, Map, Reduce, and others















Common operations on collections

.map \delta \delta

Applies a function to each list element

.where(condition)



 Returns a new list with the elements that satisfy the condition

.firstWhere(cond: \(\infty \) >n)



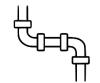
 Returns the first list element that satisfy the condition

.reduce



 Applies an accumulator function to each element of the list to reduce them to a single value

Operations Pipeline



- A pipeline of operations: a sequence of operations where the output of each operation becomes the input into the next
 - e.g., .where -> .map -> .toList
- Operations are either Intermediate or Terminal
- Intermediate operations produce a new list as output (e.g., map, filter, ...)
- Terminal operations are the final operation in the pipeline (e.g., find, reduce, toList ...)
 - Once a terminal operation is invoked then no further operations can be performed

Filter using .where \(\tag{7} \)

Keep elements that satisfy a condition

nums.where((n)
$$\Rightarrow$$
 n % 2 $==$ 0)

Transform elements by applying a Lambda to each element

$$nums.map((n) => n * n)$$

Reduce

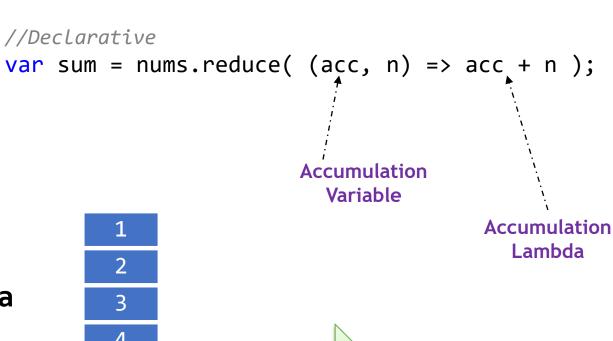


Apply an accumulator function to each element of the list to reduce them to a single value

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```
// Imperative
var sum = 0;
for (var n in list)
   sum = sum + n;
```

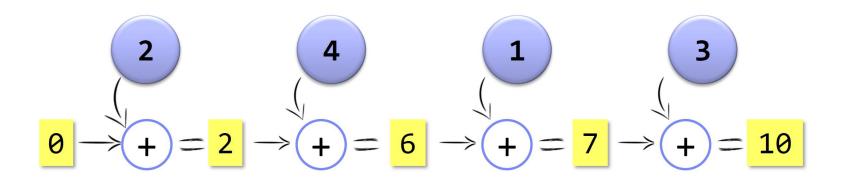
Collapse the multiple elements of a list into a single element





Reduce





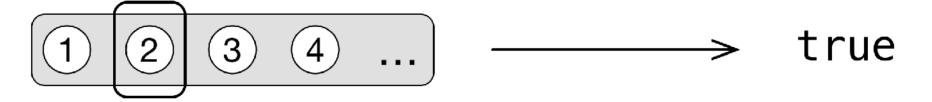
Reduce is terminal operation that yields a single value

any and every



- any returns true if it finds an element that satisfies the lambda condition
- every returns false if it finds an element that fails the lambda condition

var hasEvenNumber = nums.any((n) => n % 2 == 0);



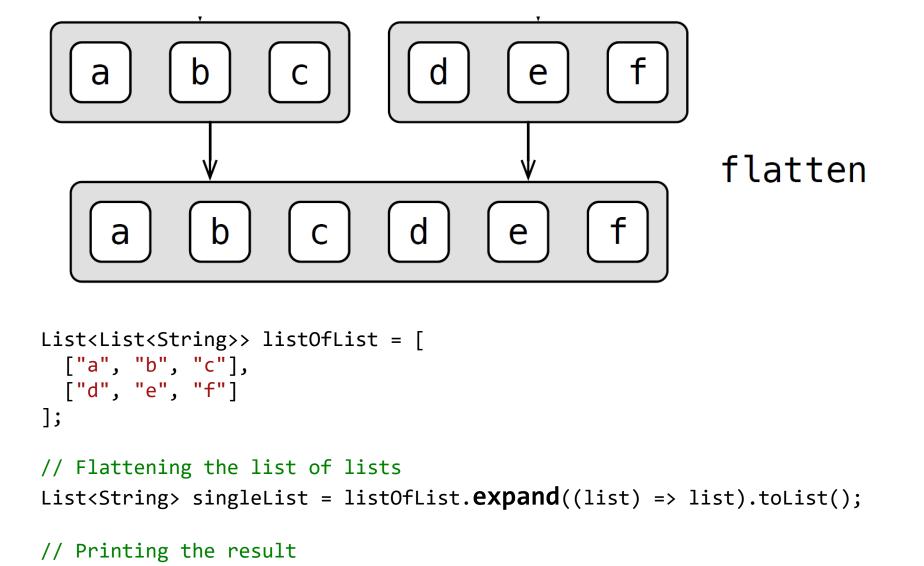
firstWhere

Return first element satisfying a condition

var firstEven = nums.firstWhere((n) => n % 2 == 0);



Expand



print(singleList); // Output: [a, b, c, d, e, f]

expand

Do a map and flatten the results into 1 list

Each book has a list of authors. **expand** combines them to produce a single list of **all** authors

```
List<Book> books = [
   Book("Head First Dart", ["Dawn Griffiths", "David Griffiths"]),
   Book("Dart in Action", ["Dmitry Jemerov", "Svetlana Isakova"]),
];

// Flattening the list of authors
var authors = books.expand((book) => book.authors);
print(authors);
```

Sort a List using Lambda

Sort strings by length (shortest to longest)

```
List<String> names = ["Farid", "Saleh", "Ali", "Sarah", "Samira",
"Farida"];
 var sorted = List.of(names)..sort((a, b) =>
                             a.length.compareTo(b.length));
 // Without the cascade operator, you would have to
 // do this in two steps:
 // sorted = List.of(names);
 // sorted.sort((a, b) => a.length.compareTo(b.length));
 print(names);
 print(">Sorted by length:");
 print(sorted);
```

Records

```
var (latitude, longitude) =
  (25.276987, 51.520008);
```



Records

- A Record is a data structure that allows you to group multiple values together without needing to create a class
 - Records are comma-delimited field lists enclosed in parentheses
 - Records can contain both named and positional fields, like argument lists in a function
 - Useful when you need to return or pass around multiple values from a function or when you want to combine values into a logical unit without a class
 - Type Safety: Dart records are strongly typed, meaning the fields have specific types that must be followed
 - Immutability: Records are immutable; once created, you cannot change the values in them

Why use Records?

- Convenient for returning multiple values:
 - Records are simpler than creating custom classes
 - No need for classes: You don't need to define a separate class for temporary or simple structures
- Type Safety: You have clear type constraints, reducing errors
- Readable code: Named fields improve readability and allow for clearer intent without the need for complex structures
- Efficient: Records are lightweight and immutable

Record Example

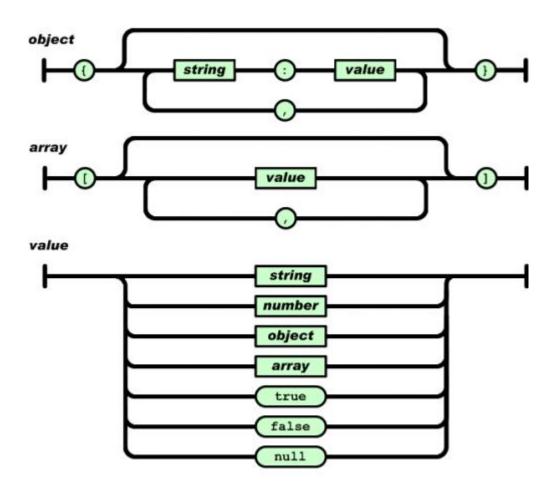
```
// Function returning coordinates as a record
(double, double) getCoordinates() {
  double latitude = 25.276987;
  double longitude = 51.520008;
  return (latitude, longitude); // Return a record with two
positional fields
void main() {
  var coordinates = getCoordinates();
  print("Latitude: ${coordinates.$1}");
  print("Latitude: ${coordinates.$2}");
  // Extract the latitude and longitude from the record
  var (latitude, longitude) = getCoordinates();
  print("Latitude: $latitude");
  print("Longitude: $longitude");
```

Record with named fields

Makes the code more readable and self-explanatory:
 Named fields make it clear what each value represents

```
// Function returning coordinates as a record with named fields
({double lat, double long}) getCoordinates() {
  double latitude = 25.276987;
  double longitude = 51.520008;
  // Return a record with named fields
  return (lat: latitude, long: longitude);
void main() {
  var coordinates = getCoordinates();
  // Extract the latitude and longitude from the record
  print("Latitude: ${coordinates.lat}");
  print("Longitude: ${coordinates.long}");
```







JSON Data Format

- JSON (JavaScript Object Notation) is a very popular lightweight data format to transform an object to a text form to ease storing and transporting data
 - Encoding (aka serialization) turning a data structure into a string
 - Decoding (aka deserialization) is the opposite process
 -> turning a string into a data structure

Serializing JSON manually using dart:convert

 Flutter has a built-in dart:convert library that includes a straightforward JSON encoder and decoder

```
import 'dart:convert';
void main() {
var jsonString = '''
      "name": "John Smith",
      "email": "john@dart.dev"
  // Parse the JSON string into a Map
  final user = jsonDecode(jsonString) as Map<String, dynamic>;
  print('Hello, ${user['name']}!');
  print('We sent the verification link to ${user['email']}.');
  final userJsonString = jsonEncode(user);
  print(userJsonString);
```

Serializing JSON inside model classes

- Add two methods to the class:
 - A Surah.fromJson() constructor, for constructing a new Surah instance from a map structure
 - A toJson() method, which converts a Surah instance into a map

■ id: int ■ name: String ■ englishName: String ■ ayaCount: int ■ type: String

```
// Convert a Surah object to a JSON map
Map<String, dynamic> toJson() => {
  'number': number,
  'arabicName': arabicName,
  'englishName': englishName,
  'verseCount': verseCount,
  'type': type,
};
// Convert a JSON map to a Surah object
Surah.fromJson(Map<String, dynamic> json) :
  number = json['number'],
  arabicName = json['arabicName'],
  englishName = json['englishName'],
  verseCount = json['verseCount'],
  type = json['type'];
```

Serializing JSON using a code generation library

- Package <u>ison serializable</u> can be used to auto-generate the implementation of <u>fromJson</u> and <u>toJson</u>
 - Simply annotate the class with @JsonSerializable()

```
/// An annotation for the code generator to know that this class needs the
/// JSON serialization logic to be generated.
@JsonSerializable()
class User {
  String name;
  String email;
 User(this.name, this.email);
  /// A necessary factory constructor for creating a new User instance
  /// from a map. Pass the map to the generated ` $UserFromJson()` constructor.
  /// The constructor is named after the source class, in this case, User.
  factory User.fromJson(Map<String, dynamic> json) => $UserFromJson(json);
  /// `toJson` implementation simply calls the private, generated
  /// helper method `_$UserToJson`.
 Map<String, dynamic> toJson() => $UserToJson(this);
```

json_serializable dependencies

 To utilize <u>ison serializable</u> package, ensure that you include the required dependencies in <u>pubspec.yaml</u>

```
dev_dependencies:
   build_runner: ^2.4.9
   json_annotation: ^4.9.0
   json serializable: ^6.8.0
```

Run the build_runner to generate the .g.dart files:

```
dart run build_runner build --delete-conflicting-outputs
```

Read JSON file

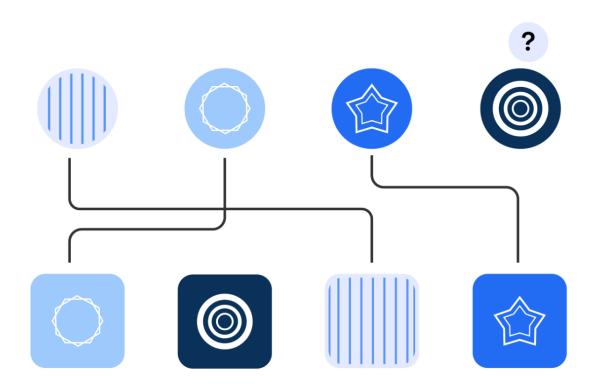
Read a JSON file and convert its content to objects

```
final filePath = "data/surahs.json"
// Read the content of the file at the given path as a string
final fileContent = File(filePath).readAsStringSync();

// Parse the JSON content into a list of dynamic objects
final List<dynamic> jsonList = jsonDecode(fileContent);

// Convert each dynamic object into a Surah instance using fromJson
final surahs = jsonList.map((json) => Surah.fromJson(json)).toList();
```

Pattern Matching





What are patterns?

- A pattern defines a specific shape that the app data may match
 - Can be used to check whether a piece of data has the pattern/form you expect => this is called pattern matching
 - If it does, then optionally use the pattern to extract portions of the data into new variables => this is called destructuring (i.e., break a value into its constituent parts)
- Use patterns to break down a complex data structure (e.g., object, record, list) directly within control flow statements like switch, if-case, and loops to match specific types, values, or structures
 - They simplify type checking, data validation and extraction of values
 - Patterns are pretty challenging to master => need practice!



Key Benefits of Patterns

Patterns provide a more intuitive, concise and simpler way for matching and deconstructing data structures to extract specific parts from it. Resulting in:

- Cleaner code: reduces the need for manual type checks and value extraction
- Expressive control flow: by combining pattern matching with switch, if, and for loops, you can build expressive and flexible control flows to handle different cases based on the type or structure of data
- Simplified way to match or extract specific parts of a complex data structure including lists, maps, objects and records

Usage scenarios

- Switch statements for matching and deconstructing a complex data (list, map, object, record)
- If-case statements for conditional pattern matching
- For loops to destructure elements while iterating over collections
- Destructuring a complex data (list, map, object, record) to extract specific fields easily

Pattern Types (more info at this <u>link</u>)

Pattern Type	Description	Example
const	Matches a value against a constant (like a number, string, or boolean)	null, true, false, 10, 'abc'
relational	Test how a value compares to constants or ranges of values	<pre>var letter = switch (grade) { >= 90</pre>
list	Matches and destructures elements from a list	[first, second] = [1, 2]
map	Matches and destructures specific key-value pairs from a map	{'name': var uName, 'age': var uAge}) = {'name': 'Lily', 'age': 13};
object	Matches and destructures an object by matching its type and named properties	<pre>var user = User('Alice'); if (user case User(name: var userName)) {}</pre>
record	Destructures ALL values from a record into individual variables	(a, b) = (1, 2)
wildcard	Used as last match in switchIgnores a value whendestructuring	<pre>switch { => {} } var list = [1, 2, 3]; var [_, second, _]) = list;</pre>

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Constant patterns

- Use constant patterns to match a value against a constant (such as a specific number, string, or enum value)
 - Allows you to check if a variable holds a specific constant value and execute logic based on that match

```
String handleUserRole(UserRole role) {
    // Use a switch expression and constant patterns to return a
        message based on the role
    return switch (role) {
        UserRole.admin => 'Welcome, Admin! You have full access.',
        UserRole.user => 'Welcome, User! You have limited access.',
        UserRole.guest => 'Welcome, Guest! You can only view public content.',
    };
}
```

Relational patterns

- Use relational patterns to test how a value compares to constants or ranges of values
 - E.g., instead of writing complex if-else blocks, you can use relational patterns to test if a value is less than, greater than, or within a certain range, which makes the code more concise and readable.

```
String getLetterGrade(double grade) {
  // Use a switch expression with relational patterns to map
  // the grade to a letter grade
  return switch (grade) {
                                             According to QU grading
    >= 90
                  => 'A',
                                                     policy
    >= 85 && < 90 => 'B+',
    >= 80 && < 85 => 'B',
    >= 75 && < 80 => 'C+',
    >= 70 && < 75 => 'C',
    >= 65 \&\& < 70 => 'D+',
                                             Patterns can be combined using
    >= 60 && < 65 => 'D',
                                                    logical operators
    < 60
                  => 'F',
                                                  like and (&&), or (||)
                  => 'Invalid grade'
                                             Just like combining expressions
  };
```

Object Patterns – Type Matching

- Use object pattern to match the variable type and allow easier type-specific handling without writing complex if-else chains
 - E.g., differentiate between different user roles and handle them appropriately

Object Patterns – Match & Extract

- Use object pattern to simultaneously match the object to its type and deconstruct it (i.e. extract values from it) in a single operation
 - Allows for easier type-specific handling + at the same time exact values for the object

```
var circle = Circle(5);
var rectangle = Rectangle(4, 6);

// The object pattern is used to extract values from the object
// using the : operator
var Rectangle(:width, length:length) = rectangle;
print('Width: $width, Height: $length');

var area = switch (shape) {
    // match the object to its type and extract values from the object in the same expression
    Rectangle(width: var w, length: var l) => w * l,
    Circle(radius: var r) => math.pi * r * r,
    _ => throw UnimplementedError(),
};
```

Deconstructing Records

- Use record pattern to destructure a record to access their values in a concise way
 - Record patterns require that the pattern match the entire record

```
// A record with latitude and longitude named fields
var point = (latitude: 10.553, longitude: 21.562);

// Deconstructing the record to extract latitude and longitude
var (:latitude, :longitude) = point;
print('lat: $latitude, long: $longitude');

// or also assign them to lat and long variables respectively
var (latitude: lat, longitude: long) = point;
print('lat: $lat, long: $long');
```

Deconstructing Lists

 List patterns allow you to match specific elements in a list and extract them

```
List<({String name, int score})> participants = [
 (name: 'Mr Perfect', score: 9),
 (name: 'Mujtahid', score: 8),
 (name: 'Mujtahida', score: 10),
 (name: 'Kasul', score: 3),
 (name: 'Gamer', score: 5),
 (name: 'Movie Lover', score: 6),
1;
participants.sort((p1, p2) => p2.score.compareTo(p1.score));
/*
  The list pattern [first, second, third, ...rest, last]
  is used to destructuring the list to extract the top 3 winners
  and the last participant. Others are assigned to the rest variable
*/
var [first, second, third, ...rest, last] = participants;
```

Patterns in if-case statement

 You can use patterns inside an if –case statement for more complex matching logic, making conditional checks easier and more expressive

```
if (variable case PATTERN) {
   // code
}
```

```
double getArea(Shape shape) {
  /* Using pattern matching to calculate area based on shape type
    In if-case statement object pattern can be used to match
    the object to its type and extract relevant values in the
    same expression using the : operator */
  if (shape case Circle(:var radius)) {
    return math.pi * radius * radius;
  } else if (shape case Rectangle(:var width, length:var length)) {
    return width * length;
  } else {
    throw Exception('Unknown shape');
```

All do the same thing, but switch expression is the best!

```
// Switch expression
bool isPrimary = switch (color) {
Color.red | Color.yellow | Color.blue => true,
_ => false
};
// Switch statement
switch (color) {
  case Color.red | Color.yellow | Color.blue:
   isPrimary = true;
  default:
    isPrimary = false;
// IF-case
if (color case Color.red | Color.yellow | Color.blue) {
  isPrimary = true;
} else {
  isPrimary = false;
```

Patterns with for Loops

 Patterns can be applied in for loops to destructure and process each element in a collection

```
var students = [('Ali', 85), ('Fatima', 90), ('Ahmed', 78)];
/*
Each record in the list of students is destructured in the for loop,
allowing you to directly access name and score without needing to access
each record's individual fields manually */
for (var (name, score) in students) {
  print('Student: $name, Score: $score');
}
```

Validating incoming JSON

- JSON data typically comes from an external source over the network. You need to validate it first to confirm its structure before destructuring it
 - o Can apply patterns to validate and extract data from JSON objects in a clean and readable way

```
// Without patterns, validation is verbose:
if (json is Map<String, Object?> &&
    json.length == 1 &&
    json.containsKey('user')) {
    var user = json['user'];
    if (user is List<Object> &&
        user.length == 2 &&
        user[0] is String &&
        user[1] is int) {
        var name = user[0] as String;
        var age = user[1] as int;
        print('User $name is $age years old.');
    }
}
```

A pattern in an if-case statement can achieve the same JSON validation and destructuring in a more declarative, and concise way

```
//With Pattern: less verbose method of validating
if (json case {'user': [String name, int age]}) {
   print('User $name is $age years old.');
}
```

Pattern Matching Exhaustive Checking

- Exhaustive checking ensures that when you use a switch statement with patterns, all possible cases are covered
 - This guarantees that no case is left unhandled, making your code more reliable
 - E.g., ensuring that all possible payment types are handled in the switch expression

```
String processPayment(PaymentMethod paymentMethod) {
   return switch(paymentMethod) {
        CreditCard(:var cardNumber) => 'Payment with card number: $cardNumber',
        PayPal(:var email) => 'PayPal payment with email: $email',
        BankTransfer(:var bankAccount) => 'Bank transfer to account: $bankAccount',
    };
}
```

Dart compiler knows that
PaymentMethod has exactly three possible
types: CreditCard, PayPal, and BankTransfer
because PaymentMethod is a sealed class
This allows the switch expression to be
exhaustive
(sealed class can only be extended by
classes defined in the same library)

```
sealed class PaymentMethod {}
class CreditCard extends PaymentMethod {
    final String cardNumber;
    CreditCard(this.cardNumber);
}
class PayPal extends PaymentMethod {
    final String email;
    PayPal(this.email);
}
class BankTransfer extends PaymentMethod {
    final String bankAccount;
    BankTransfer(this.bankAccount);
}
```

Summary

- To start thinking in the functional style avoid loops and instead use Lambdas
 - Widely used for list processing and GUI building to handle events
- A list can be processed in a pipeline
 - Typical pipeline operations are filter, map and reduce
- JSON is a very popular lightweight data format to transform an object to a text form to ease storing and transporting data
- Patterns are used for pattern matching and destructuring to extract portions of the data into new variables
 - They simplify type checking, data validation and extraction of values

Resources

- Drat Collections
 - https://dart.dev/language/collections
- JSON serialization
 - https://docs.flutter.dev/data-and-backend/serialization/json
 - https://codewithandrea.com/articles/parse-json-dart/
 - JSON serialization package
 https://pub.dev/packages/json_serializable
- Records
 - https://dart.dev/language/records
- Patterns
 - https://dart.dev/language/patterns & YouTube video