

Summer Course on Flutter

DAY 1

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Day 1 - Agenda

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- Introduction to Flutter
- Scope of this Course
- Hardware and Software Requirements
- Installation of Flutter and other software required
- Getting my first working!

Why Flutter?



Mobile development is split into two world



- One Customer base
- Double the effort of development!
- Double the effort of maintenance!

Why Flutter?

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- Native vs Hybrid approach
 - Native approach
 - ☐ Requires two different codebases
 - ☐ Hybrid approach
 - One codebase but performance is compromised
- ☐ Different SDKs used for Android & iOS app development
 - ☐ Therefore, Different frameworks!
- Need ONE FRAMEWORK that works for both

What is Flutter?



☐ Google's answer for App Development Challenges



- ☐ An open-source UI development-kit
- ☐ A Cross-Platform app development framework
- A 2D app development framework (SDK + Dart)
- Official Flutter Documentation is available at https://flutter.dev

Scope of this Course



- What will we learn?
- Flutter Framework
- 🗕 Dart
- ☐ Building and Compiling Flutter Code for Android Development
- Testing
- Why only Android Development?
- Limitations we have

Hardware Requirement



- ☐ Microsoft® Windows® 7/8/10 (64-bit)
 - 4 GB RAM minimum, 8 GB RAM recommended.
 - 2 GB of available disk space minimum,
 - 4 GB Recommended (500 MB for IDE + 1.5 GB for Android SDK and emulator system image)
 - □ 1280 x 800 minimum screen resolution.
- macOS 10.15 (Catalina) or newer.
 - ☐ CPU: Intel Core i5-8400 or better.
 - ☐ Memory: 16 GB RAM.
 - ☐ Free storage: 20 GB SSD.

Software Requirement



- ☐ Flutter + Dart Dart is a language framework
- VS Code (a lightweight framework)
- Android Studio (IDE)

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Agenda for the Rest of the day

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- Installation of Flutter
- Installation Android Studio
- Installation of VS Code
- Flutter Architecture

Install Flutter



- Go to https://docs.flutter.dev/get-started/install
- Choose installation for your OS and Complete Installation
- Remember to:
 - Set Path
 - Test with Flutter Doctor

Install Android Studio



- https://developer.android.com/studio
- Download the version appropriate for your OS
- Complete Installation
- Install Flutter
 - Preferences Plugin search for Flutter yes to install dart plugin - Restart when prompted
- Add a device to emulator

Install VS Code



- Installation of Flutter
- Installation Android Studio
- Installation of VS Code
- **☐** Flutter Architecture

Creating Your First App

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- Open Android Studio
- Create New Flutter Project
 - ☐ File New Flutter Project
 - You may asked for the following: Fill in apropriately
 - Project name:
 - Flutter SDK Path:
 - Project Location:
 - Description:

Creating Your First App



- Add package configuration
 - Add organization's domain
 - Default domain(android studio)
 - example.com
 - Default Package name
 - com.example.projectname

Project Structure



- android Auto generated source code to create android application
- ios Auto generated source code to create ios application
- lib Main folder containing Dart code written using flutter framework
- lib/main.dart Entry point of the Flutter application
- test Folder containing Dart code to test the flutter application
- test/widget_test.dart Sample code
- .gitignore Git version control file
- .metadata auto generated by the flutter tools
- packages auto generated to track the flutter packages
- .iml project file used by Android studio
- pubspec.yaml Used by Pub, Flutter package manager
- pubspec.lock Auto generated by the Flutter package manager, Pub
- **README.md** Project description file written in Markdown format



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DAY 2

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Agenda - Day 2



- Understanding Flutter Architecture
 - Widgets / Widget Tree / Widget Types
- Write a simple code depicting a widget tree
- Improve on that to learn to use more types of widgets
- Learn more about using VS code
- Improve your code quality

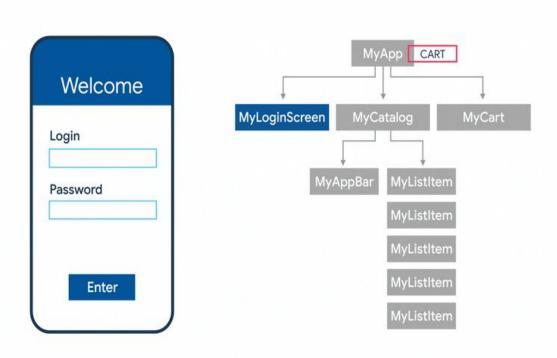
Flutter Architecture



- Everything in a Flutter App is Widget
 - Menu Section
 - Buttons
 - Dropdown Menus
- ☐ Whole of the app is a Widget Tree
 - ☐ Main App the root of a widget tree

Flutter Architecture





Flutter Architecture ...



- Apps perform alike on both platform
- The way the interact with hardware devices are different
 - Example bluetooth
- Embraces platform differences

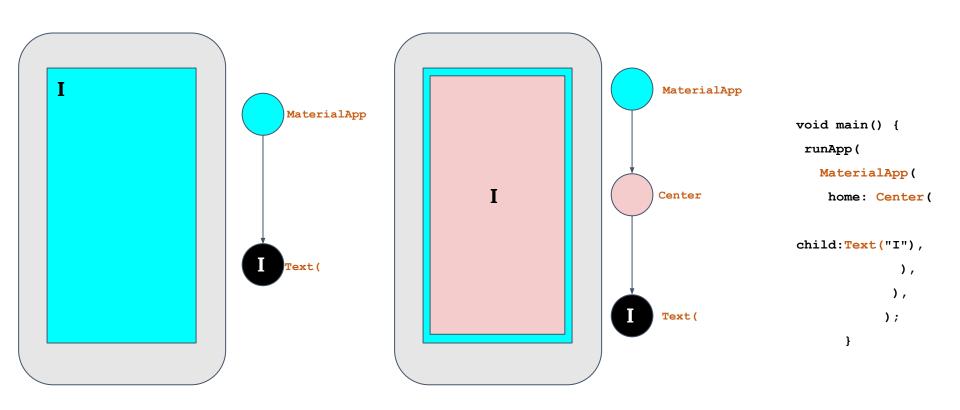
Types of Widgets

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- Platform specific widgets
 - Material Widgets and Cupertino Widgets
- Layout widgets
- State maintenance widgets
 - Stateless and Stateful
- Platform independent / basic widgets
 - ☐ Text, Row, Column, Container, Center, Stack

Creating an App from Scratch 'I am Happy' App - Build a Widget Tree





While coding with DART...short cuts



 \Box ctrl + k - reformat code ctrl + shift + p - Command Pallete ctrl + p - Search Bar stless - Insert a StatelessWidget - Insert a StatefulWidget stful - Insert a StatefulWidget with an stanim ctrl + s - Hot Reload \Box Edit \rightarrow Preference \rightarrow Appearance - Make changes to how your edit looks Enable / disable comments Notice that hot reload does not work with previous code!

Let's improve...

Attributes

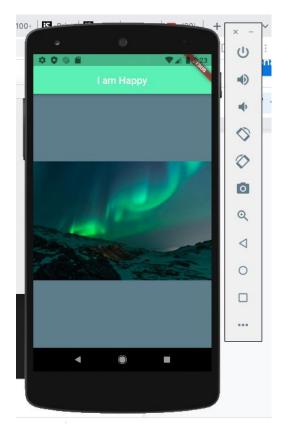
- This does not even look like a typical app!
- Use widgets that give you better control
 - Scaffold
 - appBar, body
 - AppBar
 - backgroundColor, title

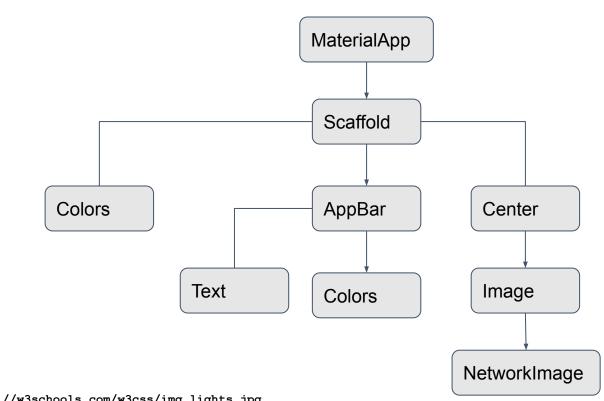




Let's improve...this way







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Resources



- Widget catalog | Flutter
- https://api.flutter.dev/flutter/material/Colors-class.html