

W8 PRACTICE

LISTS, PASS FUNCTIONS, LIFT STATES UP

Learning objectives

- ✓ Generating Widgets with '**for**' Loops
- ✓ Render screens **conditionally**
- ✓ Accepting and passing functions as values
- ✓ **Lift** states up

How to submit?

- ✓ **Push** your final code on **your GitHub repository**
- ✓ Then **attach the GitHub path** to the MS Team assignment and **turn it in**

Before practice, to be prepared!

Read the following documentation to be ready for this practice:

[Render widgets conditionally](#)

[Lifting state up](#)

[Work with outlined buttons](#)



EX 1 – 3 ways to create widgets with loops

Let's explore 3 ways to **create Widgets with Loops** in Flutter!

1. Integrating the Loop Directly into the List

In this approach, we integrate the loop within the array itself.

It's done using the for-loop syntax inside square bracket!

```
Column(  
  children: [  
    Text("Start"),  
    for (var i = 0; i < 10; i++) Text('Item $i'),  
    Text("End"),  
  ],  
)
```

2. Using the map() Method

The map() method applies a function to each element of a list, transforming it into another form

```
List<String> numbers = ["MON", "TUE", "WED", "THU"]  
  
Column (  
  children: [  
    Text("Start"),  
    ...numbers.map((item) => Text(item)).toList(),  
    Text("End"),  
  ],  
)
```

3. Using a Dedicated Function

We separate the logic of generating widgets into a dedicated function. This helps improve readability, especially when the widget creation logic is more complex.

```
List<String> numbers = ["MON", "TUE", "WED", "THU"]  
  
List<Widget> getLabels() {  
  return numbers.map((item) => Text(item)).toList();  
}  
  
Column (  
  children: [  
    Text("Start"),  
    getLabels(),  
    Text("End"),  
  ],  
)
```

Q1 - In what scenarios might one approach **be more advantageous** than another?

(in terms of readability, maintainability, performance, etc.)?

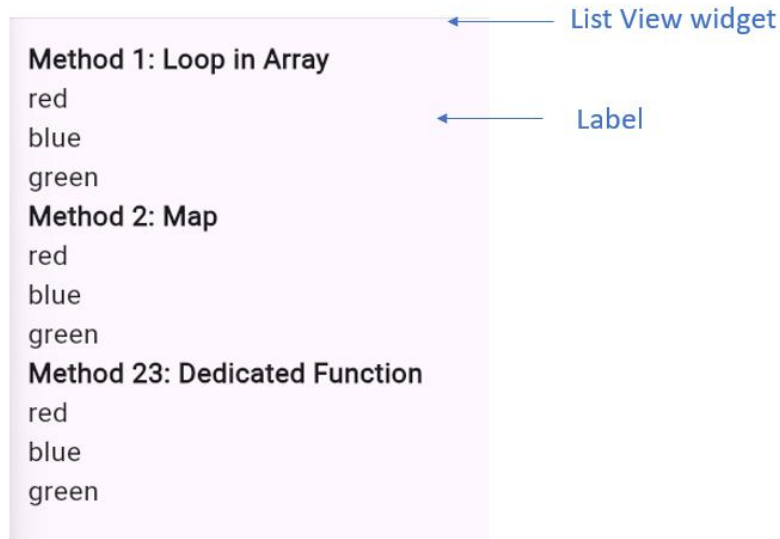
Q2 – Let's code a bit!

We have a list of colors

```
List<String> colors = ["red", "blue", "green"];
```

Create a Flutter app with a ListView that **displays the colors** using three different methods:

- Using a **direct for loop** within the widget list.
- Using the **map()** method on a list.
- Using a **dedicated function** to return a list of widgets.



Each method should display the numbers in a different section of the screen

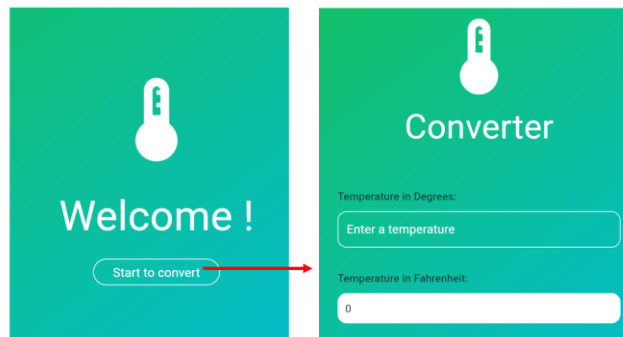
Note: You have a start code with an already defined customer Label widget to render the text in bold.

EX 2 – Switching from screen using a *state*

In this exercise, you are provided with a start code with 3 files:



The objective is to be able to **start with the welcome screen** and to **switch to the converter screen** upon click on START:



Q1 – Reflect in group:

We need to conditionally display either the Welcome or the Temperature screen

- How are you going to manage this?



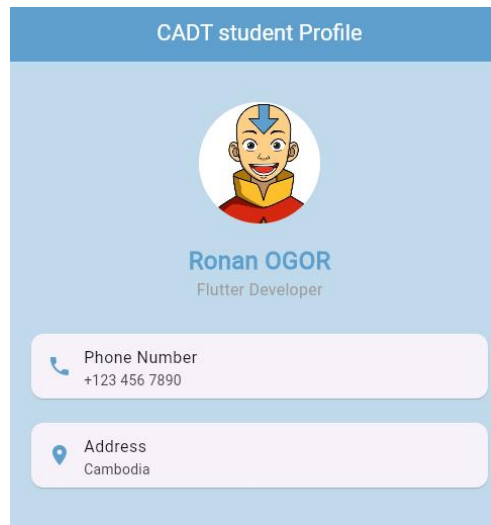
You can [read this resource](#) and [this resource too](#) !!

- Explain your solution using a **component diagram** (WelcomeScreen + TemperatureScreen)

Q2– Once the solution is clear for you, code it individually!

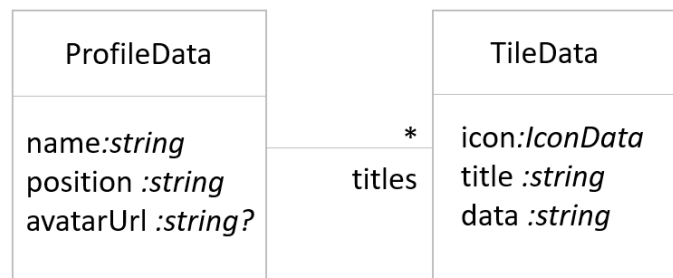
EX 3 – Refactor the code to *bind* with data

In this exercise, you are provided with a **start code**.



The widgets are already created in the START CODE. But everything is static!

You need to **bind the widget ProfileApp with the data**, defined in the folder `/data`
The ProfileData model is defined as follows:



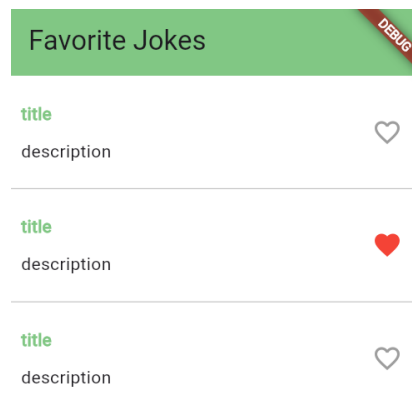
1. The **ProfileApp** widget must take as argument a **ProfileData** object.
2. Each tile of the given profile data must be rendered in the profile app, as a card.
TIP: you will [need to loop](#) to render each tile.
3. You also need to **manage the scrolling**, when too many tiles need to be displayed.
4. For fun: customize this view! *Update the layout and the data as you wish.*

EX 4 – Manage a list of jokes

We **start** from the code we used to work on (W4-S3).

OBJECTIVES

- ✓ First you need to create a database (`jokes.dart`) of jokes to **populate the list of jokes**
- ✓ Then you should display at least 20 jokes, so the list **should be scrollable**
- ✓ Last but not least: **only 1 joke can be set a best joke** (heart icon)



*Only 1 joke can be **THE** favorite!*

You will need to **re-think** about your **data structure** and **widget interaction** to perform the changes:

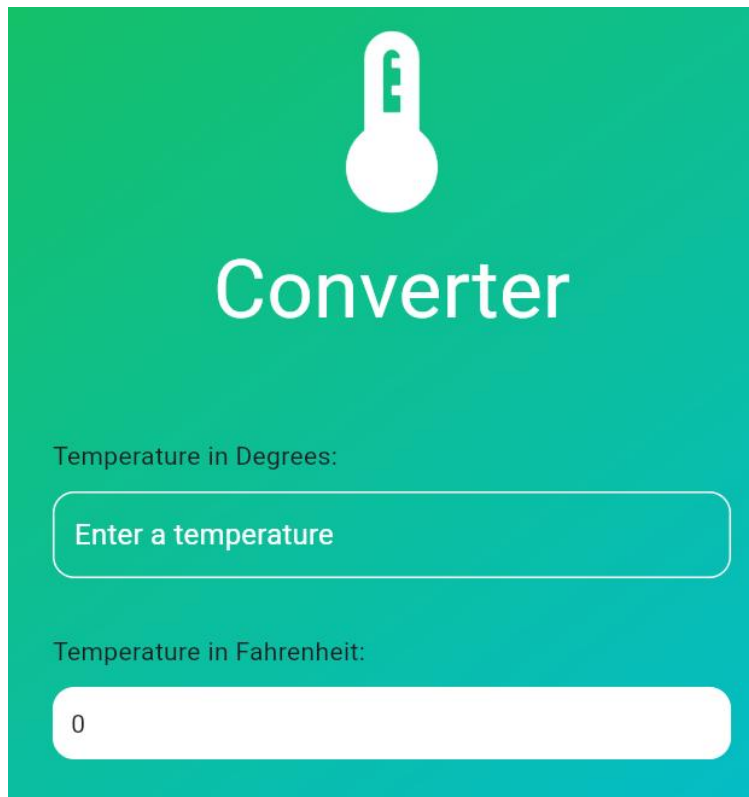
What type of data will store the jokes? What type of data will store the favorite joke?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- A list of jokes objects- Int?
Which widget should be in charge of storing the favorite joke ? Which widget should be stateful ?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- FavoriteJokeScreen- FavoriteJokeScreen and FavoriteCard
How will your widget interact? Do you need to pass callback function between widgets?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Parent passes props + callback; child notifies parent via callback; parent updates state and rebuilds cards- Yes, for child -> parent communication when heart icon is clicked

BONUS – Handle the TextField input

For this bonus exercise, you can continue on exercise 2 code and make the temperature converter working properly.

TIP

- *How to get the value entered in the input field?*
- *We suggest (for now) to use a state to handle this input field value!*

A mobile app interface for a temperature converter. The background is a teal-to-green gradient. At the top center is a white thermometer icon. Below it, the word "Converter" is written in large white font. Further down, the text "Temperature in Degrees:" is followed by a white rounded rectangular input field with the placeholder text "Enter a temperature". Below that, the text "Temperature in Fahrenheit:" is followed by a white rounded rectangular input field containing the number "0".

Temperature in Degrees:

Enter a temperature

Temperature in Fahrenheit:

0