

Fall 1403-1404

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Introduction to Dart

- __Dart is a modern, object-oriented programming language designed for building fast, scalable, and reliable applications.
- ._Created by Google, first announced in October 2011.
- ._The first stable version, Dart 1.0, was released in November 2013.
- __Dart 2.0 was released in August 2018, with enhancements for modern client development.

Use Cases of Dart

- Web Development: Dart is primarily used for building client-side web applications with frameworks like Flutter.
- Mobile Development: Dart is the backbone of Flutter, one of the most popular frameworks for creating cross-platform mobile applications for both Android and iOS.
- Server-Side Development: Dart can be used on the server side as well, thanks to
 its fast runtime and ability to handle concurrent tasks efficiently.
- Desktop Applications: With Flutter, Dart is also capable of creating native desktop applications for Windows, macOS, and Linux.
- Embedded Systems: Dart can be used in IoT (Internet of Things) projects for building applications that interact with hardware.

Why Choose Dart

Strong typing: Dart supports both **strong** and **flexible** typing, making it suitable for small scripts or large-scale applications.

High performance: Dart compiles to **native machine code**, ensuring apps run quickly and efficiently.

Fast development: Dart offers **hot-reload**, allowing developers to see code changes instantly without restarting the app.

</ Types of variables</pre>

{01} {04} Int, double var {05} {02} dynamic bool {03} {06} String List, Map

1. var

- **Type inference**: When you use var, Dart infers the type based on the assigned value. Once a type is inferred, it cannot be changed.
- **Cannot reassign a different type**: You cannot assign a different type to a variable once its type has been inferred.

2. dynamic

- **Type flexibility**: The dynamic keyword allows a variable's type to be reassigned at runtime. This makes dynamic suitable for cases where the type is not known in advance.
- **Risks of dynamic**: While dynamic provides flexibility, it also introduces risks because type errors might only appear at runtime.

3. Object

- **Superclass of all types**: Object is the base class for all Dart objects, including both built-in types (such as int and String) and user-defined classes.
- **General use**: It can hold any value, but unlike dynamic, the type is known, and Dart can still perform type checks.

4. String

- Immutable sequence of characters: String is used to represent a sequence of characters. Once a String is created, it cannot be changed.
- Interpolation: Dart allows string interpolation to embed expressions inside string literals.

5. int

- **Whole numbers**: The int type represents whole numbers in Dart. These numbers do not have decimal points.
- Range: On 64-bit systems, the range of int values is from -2^63 to 2^63-1

6. double

• **Floating-point numbers**: double is used to represent numbers with decimal points. It is based on IEEE 754 standard for double-precision floating-point numbers.

7. bool

• **True or false**: The bool type is used for Boolean values (i.e., true or false). In Dart, conditions evaluate to true or false.

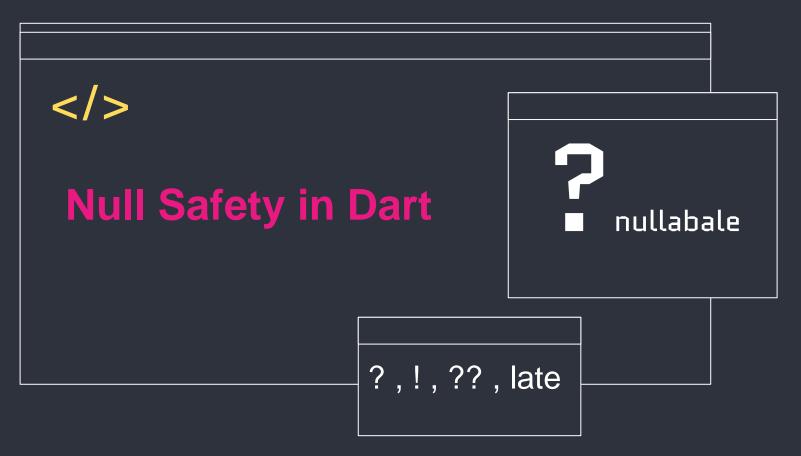
8. List

• Ordered collection of items: A List is an ordered group of objects. In Dart, List is a generic type, meaning you can specify the type of elements it contains.

9. Map

Key-value pairs: Map represents a collection of key-value pairs. Each key in a map is associated with a value, and both keys and values can be of any type.

```
int age = 25; // Integer
double height = 5.9; // Double
String name = 'Armita Kamari'; // String
bool isStudent = true; // Boolean
List<String> colors = ['Red', 'Green', 'Blue']; // List (Array)
Map<String, int> grades = {'Math': 95, 'Physics': 90, 'Chemistry': 85}; // Map (Dictionary)
dynamic flexibleVariable = 'This can be any type'; // Dynamic type (can hold any type of value)
flexibleVariable = 42; // Now it's an integer
```



</ Null Safety in Dart (late ,? , ?? ,!)</pre>

Non-Nullable Types

Definition: A non-nullable type is one that cannot hold a null value. Every non-nullable variable must be initialized before it's accessed.

Nullable Types

Definition: A nullable type can hold either a value or null. Nullable types are defined by adding a question mark? to the type.

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Late keyword

Definition: late is used to declare a non-nullable variable that will be initialized later, but before it's used.

Use Case: This is useful when the variable's value is not known at compile-time but is guaranteed to be initialized before use.

Null Assertion Operator!

Definition: The ! operator forces Dart to treat a nullable variable as non-nullable. This is risky because if the variable is actually null, it throws an error.

Safe Navigation Operator ?.

Definition: The ?. operator is used to safely access properties or methods of an object that might be null. If the object is null, the expression evaluates to null instead of throwing an error.

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```
// Using ? to specify that a variable can be null
String? nullableName;
age = 25;
String? name;
print(name!);
String? userName;
String displayName = userName ?? 'Unknown';
```

Operators in Dart

Arithmetic operators:

Logical operators:

Comparison operators:

&&, | |

Final and const

Final:

A variable that cannot be reassigned after initialization

Const:

A compile-time constant that cannot change once set

```
int a = 10;
int b = 5;
int sum = a + b; // Addition operator
int diff = a - b; // Subtraction operator
bool isEqual = (a == b); // Comparison operator

final int x = 10; // Value is assigned at runtime, can only be set once
const double pi = 3.14159; // Value is assigned at compile time, constant
print("Final x value: $x");
print("Const pi value: $pi");
```

Access Modifiers in Dart

private: Indicated by a variable or method name starting with an underscore (_), accessible only within the same library.

public: By default, all variables and methods are public and accessible from any part of the code.

static: A member of a class that belongs to the class itself rather than to instances of the class.

```
class User{
  String _username; // Private variable
// Public constructor
  User(this._username) {
  String getUsername() => _username;
  static int getUserCount() => userCount;
 static void resetUserCount() {
  userCount = 0;
```

</ Methods in Dart

.Getter and Setter Methods

Dart provides getters and setters to access and update object properties

. Positional Parameters

Definition:

Parameters passed in a specific order without names. Positional parameters can be optional by using square brackets [].

. Regular Methods

Standard methods in Dart that take parameters and return values

. Named Parameters

Dart allows you to define methods with named parameters, which make your code more readable

</ Methods in Dart

. Anonymous Functions

Dart allows the creation of functions without names, also known as lambdas or closures.

.Static Methods

Static methods belong to the class rather than instances of the class. They can be called directly on the class without creating an object.

. Method Overriding

In Dart, methods can be overridden in child classes using the @override annotation

```
class Dog {
  String _name; // Private variable with getter and setter
  Dog(this._name); // Constructor with positional parameter
  String get name => _name;
  set name(String value) => _name = value;
  void sound() => print("Bark");
  static String species = "Canine";
  static void info() => print("Species: $species");
  // Method with named parameter
  void describe({String color = "Unknown"}) {
    print("Dog: $name, Color: $color");
  void printList(List<int> list) {
    list.forEach((item) => print(item)); // Anonymous function
```

Inheritance in Dart



Definition: Inheritance is a mechanism where a class (subclass or child) can inherit properties and methods from another class (superclass or parent).

Use Case: It allows code reuse, simplifies the development process, and enables the extension of existing functionality.

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Inheritance in Dart

The extends Keyword:

In Dart, a subclass is created using the extends keyword

Overriding Methods:

A subclass can modify the behavior of methods from its superclass by overriding them using the @override annotation.

Calling Superclass Methods:

The super keyword is used to call a method from the superclass inside the subclass

Inheritance Hierarchy:

Dart supports **single inheritance**, meaning a class can only inherit from one superclass.

Constructors and Inheritance:

When a subclass is instantiated, the constructor of the superclass is also called. If the superclass constructor has parameters, the subclass must call it explicitly using super().

Abstract Classes:

An abstract class is a class that cannot be instantiated. It serves as a blueprint for other classes.

```
// Abstract Class
abstract class Animal {
  void sound(); // Abstract method
class Dog extends Animal {
  @override
void sound() {
    print("Bark"); // Overriding method
void callSuperSound() {
    super.sound(); // This will give an error since sound is abstract
```

Using implements in Dart



Definition: In Dart, a class can use the implements keyword to enforce the implementation of an interface (a contract of methods and properties that a class must provide). **Difference with extends**: Unlike inheritance with extends, implements requires the class to implement **all** the methods and properties of the interface, even if the interface is another class or abstract class.



Using implements in Dart

Defining and Implementing an Interface:

In Dart, a subclass is created using the extends keyword

Interfaces in Dart:

In Dart, every class can act as an interface. Any class can be used as an interface and then be implemented by another class.

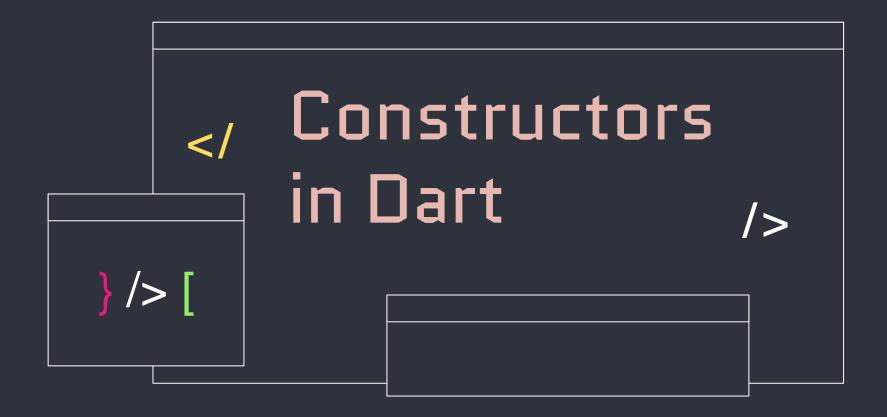
Implementing Multiple Interfaces:

A class in Dart can implement multiple interfaces by separating them with commas

Interfaces and Abstract Classes:

An interface can be derived from an abstract class. The implements keyword forces the subclass to override all methods from the abstract class.

```
// Defining an Interface
abstract class Animal {
  void sound(); // Method signature (no body)
// Implementing the Interface
class Dog implements Animal {
  @override
  void sound() {
    print("Bark"); // Implementation of sound method
class Cat implements Animal {
 @override
 void sound() {
    print("Meow"); // Implementation of sound method
```



</Constructors in Dart

Default Constructor

If no constructor is explicitly defined, Dart provides a default constructor

Factory Constructor

A factory constructor is used to return an instance of a class, often used for singleton patterns or when complex initialization is needed.

Named Constructors

Dart allows the creation of multiple constructors in a class by using named constructors.

Redirecting Constructors

A constructor in Dart can redirect to another constructor within the same class using the : this() syntax.

- Definition: A constructor is a special method used to initialize objects of a class.
- **Purpose**: It sets the initial values for object properties.
- Types of Constructors: Dart supports several types of constructors such as default, named, and factory constructors.

```
class Person {
 String name ;
 Person(this.name, this.age);
 Person.named(this.name); // Only takes name, age defaults to 0
 Person.namedWithAge(this.name, this.age); // Named constructor with age
 Person.redirect(String name) : this.named(name); // Redirects to named constructor
  factory Person.factory(String name, int age) {
   if (age < 0) {
      return Person.named(name); // Redirect to named constructor if age is invalid
   return Person(name, age); // Default constructor
```

Summary of Constructors in Dart

- Default Constructors: Automatically created if no constructor is defined.
- Named Constructors: Allow for multiple ways of constructing an object.
- Factory Constructors: Control object creation and return instances based on custom logic.
- Redirecting Constructors: Redirect to other constructors in the same class.
- Named and Optional Parameters: Provide flexibility and readability.

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