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MPL Practical 02

Aim: To design a Flutter UI by including common widgets.

Introduction

Flutter is an open-source UI toolkit by Google that allows developers to build cross-platform applications for Android, iOS, web, and desktop using a single codebase. It uses the Dart programming language and provides a rich set of pre-built widgets to create beautiful and responsive user interfaces.

A Flutter UI is structured using widgets, which can be broadly classified into:

- **StatelessWidget:** A widget that does not change over time.
- **StatefulWidget:** A widget that can update dynamically based on user interaction.

Flutter applications typically use a Scaffold widget, which provides a structure that includes an AppBar, body, floating action buttons, bottom navigation bars, and other UI elements.

Implementation in GreenFund Connect

"GreenFund Connect" is a renewable energy crowdfunding platform where users can explore and support various green energy projects. The UI is designed to be simple, user-friendly, and visually appealing.

Key Features in the UI

1. **AppBar** – Displays the application title at the top.
2. **BottomNavigationBar** – Allows users to switch between "Projects" and "About" sections.
3. **GridView** – Used to display renewable energy projects in a structured way.
4. **Card Widget** – Displays each project with a clear layout.
5. **FloatingActionButton** – Provides an option for quick actions.

Code Explanation

1. Main Application (`main.dart`)

- The `MaterialApp` widget initializes the app with a green theme.
- The `HomeScreen` widget is defined as a `StatefulWidget` because the bottom navigation bar requires state management.

2. HomeScreen Widget

- Contains a `BottomNavigationBar` with two sections: Projects and About.
- Uses `setState` to switch between the two sections dynamically.
- Includes a `FloatingActionButton` for additional actions.

3. ProjectGrid Widget

- Uses `GridView.builder` to create a grid layout for displaying projects.
- Each project is shown inside a `Card` widget, ensuring a clean UI.

4. AboutSection Widget

- Displays a brief description of the platform.

Code:

```

import 'package:flutter/material.dart';

void main() {
  runApp(GreenFundConnect());
}

class GreenFundConnect extends StatelessWidget {
  const GreenFundConnect({Key? key}) : super(key: key);

  @override
  Widget build(BuildContext context) {
    return MaterialApp(
      debugShowCheckedModeBanner: false, // Removes the Debug Banner
      title: 'GreenFund Connect',
      theme: ThemeData(
        primarySwatch: Colors.green,
      ),
      home: const HomeScreen(),
    );
  }
}

class HomeScreen extends StatefulWidget {
  const HomeScreen({Key? key}) : super(key: key);

  @override
  _HomeScreenState createState() => _HomeScreenState();
}

class _HomeScreenState extends State<HomeScreen> {
  int _selectedIndex = 0;

  void _onItemTapped(int index) {
    setState(() {
      _selectedIndex = index;
    });
  }

  @override
  Widget build(BuildContext context) {
    return Scaffold(
      appBar: AppBar(title: const Text('GreenFund Connect')),
      body: Padding(

```

```
padding: const EdgeInsets.all(12.0),
child: _selectedIndex == 0 ? const ProjectGrid() : const AboutSection(),
),
floatingActionButton: FloatingActionButton(
  backgroundColor: Colors.green,
  onPressed: () {},
  child: const Icon(Icons.add),
),
bottomNavigationBar: BottomNavigationBar(
  currentIndex: _selectedIndex,
  onTap: _onItemTapped,
  items: const [
    BottomNavigationBarItem(icon: Icon(Icons.home), label: 'Projects'),
    BottomNavigationBarItem(icon: Icon(Icons.info), label: 'About'),
  ],
),
);
}
```

```
class ProjectGrid extends StatelessWidget {
  const ProjectGrid({Key? key}) : super(key: key);
```

```
  final List<String> projects = const [
    "Solar Village",
    "Wind Power Hub",
    "Hydro Plant",
    "Bioenergy Farm"
  ];
```

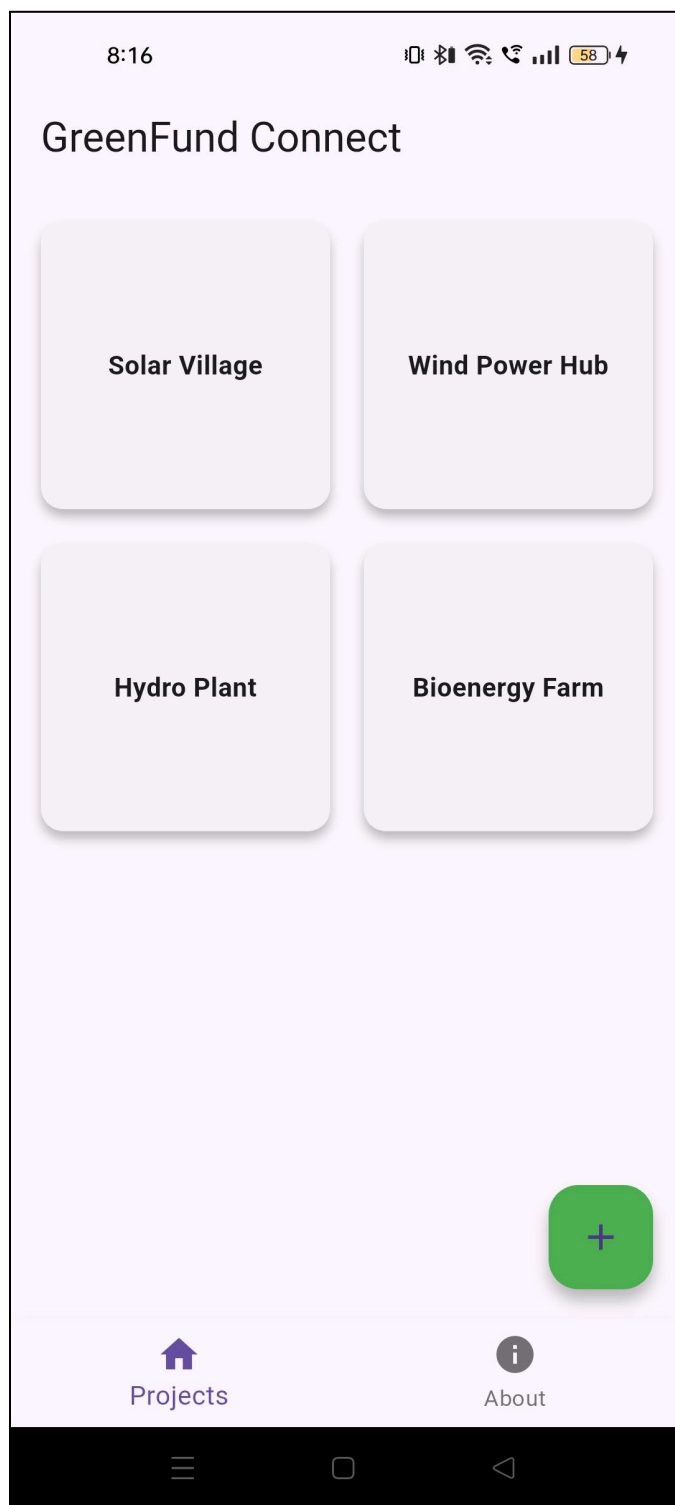
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  @override
```

```
  Widget build(BuildContext context) {
    return GridView.builder(
      gridDelegate: const SliverGridDelegateWithFixedCrossAxisCount(
        crossAxisCount: 2,
        childAspectRatio: 1,
        crossAxisSpacing: 10,
        mainAxisSpacing: 10,
      ),
      itemCount: projects.length,
      itemBuilder: (context, index) {
        return Card(
          elevation: 4,
          child: Center(
```

```
      child: Padding(  
        padding: const EdgeInsets.all(8.0),  
        child: Text(  
          projects[index],  
          style: const TextStyle(fontWeight: FontWeight.bold),  
          textAlign: TextAlign.center,  
        ),  
      ),  
    ),  
  ),  
);  
},  
);  
}  
}
```

```
class AboutSection extends StatelessWidget {  
  const AboutSection({Key? key}) : super(key: key);
```

```
  @override  
  Widget build(BuildContext context) {  
    return const Center(  
      child: Text(  
        "GreenFund Connect aims to support renewable energy projects worldwide.",  
        style: TextStyle(fontSize: 18),  
        textAlign: TextAlign.center,  
      ),  
    );  
  }  
}
```

Screenshot:**Conclusion**

In this project, we implemented a unique Flutter UI using `BottomNavigationBar`, `GridView`, and `FloatingActionButton` to create an interactive layout for GreenFund Connect. Initially, we faced issues with `GridView` alignment and state management in `BottomNavigationBar`, but we resolved them by adjusting `childAspectRatio` and correctly updating the selected index using `setState`.