

signalr_netcore Package Overview

1. What Is signalr_netcore?

A Dart/Flutter client for ASP .NET Core SignalR, enabling Flutter apps to invoke server-side hub methods, receive broadcasts, and auto-reconnect on network drops.

2. Core Features

Transports	WebSocket; Server-Sent Events; Long Polling (fallbacks)
Protocols	JSON and MessagePack
Auto-Reconnect	Built-in retry policy
Streaming RPC	Server and client streaming
Logging	Integrates with Dart logging package

3. Installing

Add to pubspec.yaml:

```
``yaml
dependencies:
  flutter: sdk: flutter
  signalr_netcore: ^1.4.3
``
```

Then run `flutter pub get`.

4. Basic Usage

Create & Configure	<pre>``dart final hub = HubConnectionBuilder() .withUrl("http://server/hub") .withAutomaticReconnect() .configureLogging(Logger("SignalR")) .build(); hub.onclose((error) { /* handle close */ }); ``</pre>
Start & Invoke	<pre>``dart await hub.start(); await hub.invoke('AddTask', args: ['Buy milk']); ``</pre>
Receive Server Calls	<pre>``dart hub.on('TasksUpdated', (args) { final list = args![0] as List; // update UI }); ``</pre>

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5. Advanced Tips & Important Info

MessagePack	Use <code>`MessagePackHubProtocol()`</code> for compact binary messages. Requires server to add MessagePack protocol.
Custom Headers & Auth	Use <code>`HttpConnectionOptions`</code> to attach JWT or custom headers.
CORS	Configure server CORS with <code>`AllowCredentials()`</code> and <code>`WithOrigins()`</code> to permit Flutter web or emulator connections.
Error Handling	Use <code>`onclose`</code> , <code>`onreconnecting`</code> , <code>`onreconnected`</code> to handle disconnects and retry logic.

6. Why Choose signalr_netcore?

- Matches ASP.NET Core SignalR feature set
- Cross-platform: Android, iOS, Web, Desktop
- Built-in auto-reconnect
- Pure Dart, no native plugins
- Open-source (MIT) with active community

7. Further Reading & Resources

- Pub.dev: https://pub.dev/packages/signalr_netcore
- ASP.NET Core SignalR Docs: <https://docs.microsoft.com/aspnet/core/signalr>
- MessagePack Protocol: <https://docs.microsoft.com/aspnet/core/signalr/messagepack>