

MPL ASSIGNMENT 1

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Q1) Explain the key features and advantages of using flutter for mobile app development.

→ Key Features of flutter:

- (1) Single codebase: flutter allows developers to write a single codebase for both android and ios reducing development effort.
- (2) Fast development with hot reload: This feature enables developers to see changes instantly without restarting the entire app.
- (3) UI with widgets: flutter provides customizable and pre-designed widgets to get visually appealing user interface.
- (4) High performance: Uses the dart programming language which compiles into native ARM code for optimized performance.
- (5) Support for web and desktop: Besides mobile apps, flutter also supports web and desktop development.
- (6) Access to Native features: Developers can use platform-specific APIs & third party plugins to integrate native functionalities.
- (7) Open source: free and open source allowing developers to customize and enhance to framework.
- (8) Backed by google: Ensures long-term support and continuous improvements.

ADVANTAGES OF USING FLUTTER

- Faster development due to code reusability and reloads
- Cost efficiency as a single codebase reduces development and maintenance costs
- Consistent UI across multiple platforms.
- Better performance compared to hybrid frameworks as it compiles directly to native code.
- Strong integration with firebase for backend services like authentication & database management.

Q1(b) Discuss how the flutter framework differs from traditional approaches and why it has gained popularity in the developer community?

→ Flutter uses single codebases for multiple platforms (iOS (swift) & Android (kotlin)). It does not rely on platform specific UI components but instead render everything using its own skia graphic engine, ensuring consistency. Unlike React native, which uses a Javascript bridge, Flutter compiles directly to native ARM code, offering better performance. Its hot reload feature allows developer to see changes instantly, making development faster & more efficient.

Flutter has gained popularity due to its faster development, cost efficiency, & cross platform support. Business loves it as it reduces development time & while delivering ensures a smooth, native like experience.

Q2(a) Describe the concept of the widget tree in Flutter. Explain the widget composition is used to build complex UI.

→ In Flutter, everything is a widget (button, text, layout). These widgets are arranged in a hierarchical structure known as the widget tree. The widget tree determines the UI.

Widget composition to build complex UI:

- Flutter encourages a composition-based approach rather than inheritance.
- Instead of creating large, monolithic widget, developers

build small, reusable widget that are combined to form complex UIs.

ex: A column widget can hold multiple text & Button widget, creating a structured layout.

Provide example of commonly used widgets & their roles in creating a widget tree.

1) Structural widget

- ⇒ Scaffold: Provide basic structure of a screen.
- ⇒ Container: Used for layout styling.
- ⇒ Column & Row: Used for vertical & horizontal layout.

2) Interactive widget

- ⇒ Textfield: for user input
- ⇒ Elevated Button: Clickable buttons.

3) Styling widget

- ⇒ Padding: Adds spacing around widget
- ⇒ Align, centre: Adjust alignment.

4) List & scrollable widget

- ⇒ ListView: Scrollable list
- ⇒ GridView: Provide / Display items in Grid.

ex: Simple widget tree

```
scaffold (
```

```
  appBar: AppBar(title: Text("Flutter App"));
```

```
  body: column (
```

```
    children: [
```

```
      Text("Welcome to flutter!")
```

```
ElevatedButton ( onPressed: () {} , child: Text ("drop")
```

```
],
```

```
),
```

```
);
```

Q3 a) Discuss the importance of state management in flutter application.

⇒ Importance of state management in flutter application
state management refers to handling dynamic data changes overtime

In flutter, the UI rebuilds when the state changes, ensuring the app remains interactive & responsive. proper state management helps in performance optimization, code maintainability & better UI behavior.

Some key reasons why state management is important in flutter:

- 1] Ensures Data consistency - Flutter applications often have dynamic UI updates based on user interactions.
- 2] Improves Performance - Efficient state management helps reduce unnecessary widget rebuilds, improving app performance.
- 3] Enhances Code Maintainability - With a structured state management, it helps reduce unnecessary widget rebuilds, improving app performance.
- 4] Manages Complex UI Interactions - In complex applications, multiple widgets need to communicate and share data.
- 5] Reduces Code Duplication: Using state management eliminates redundant logic & allows reusable code.

Compare and contrast the different state management in flutter approaches available in flutter such as setstate, Provider, & Riverpod. Provide scenarios where each approach is suitable.

→ comparison of state management approaches in flutter

Approach	Description	Suitable Scenarios
setState	Basic state management by calling setState() to update UI.	Small apps, simple UI updates (eg. toggling a switch)
Provider	User inherited widget to efficiently manage state across the widget tree.	Medium sized apps needing global state sharing (eg. user authentication)
Riverpod	More scalable than provider with improved dependency injection & state handling.	Large complex apps requiring modular & scalable state management (eg. e-commerce apps)

Explain the process of integrating firebase with a flutter application.

Discuss the benefits of using firebase as a backend solution.

Integrating firebase with flutter & its benefits :-

Integration process :

Setup firebase console :

Create a firebase project

Register the app for android & ios

Download & add google-services json (Android) or

Google Service Info.plist (iOS)

Install firebase Dependencies

yaml

dependencies :

firebase-core : latest-version

firebase-auth : latest-version

cloud_firestore : latest-version

Initialize firebase in flutter

dart

```
void main() async {
```

```
  WidgetsFlutterBinding.ensureInitialized();
```

```
  await Firebase.initializeApp();
```

```
  runApp(MyApp());
```

```
}
```

Benefits :-

No need to manage servers (Backend-as-a-service)
Provide authentication, database & cloud function,
Scalable & cost-effective.

(Q4b) Highlight the firebase service commonly used in flutter development & provide brief overview of how data synchronization is achieved.

⇒ Commonly used firebase services in flutter & data synchronization service functionality

Firebase Authentication user sign-in (email, google, facebook) cloud firebase storage upload & manage files (images, videos) cloud messaging push notifications

firebase, Analytics App usage analytics

Data Synchronization in firebase:

Firestore allows real time data syncing using Snapshot listener.

ex: of real time listener in Firestore:
dart.

~~firebase~~

```
firebaseFirestore.instance.collection('message').snapshots().  
listen((snapshot) {
```

```
  for (var doc in snapshot.docs) {
```

```
    print(doc.data());
```

```
  }
```

```
});
```

