AIM: Integrating Firebase with Flutter

THEORY:

The aim of this lab experiment is to connect a Flutter application to Firebase, a powerful backend-as-a-service (BaaS) platform provided by Google. This integration will enable real-time data management, authentication, and cloud storage capabilities within the Flutter app.

Theory:

1. Firebase Overview:

Firebase is a comprehensive suite of cloud-based tools and services that facilitates the development of scalable and feature-rich mobile and web applications. It offers a range of services, including Realtime Database, Authentication, Cloud Firestore, Cloud Functions, Cloud Storage, and more.

2. Realtime Database vs. Cloud Firestore:

- Realtime Database: A NoSQL cloud database that stores and syncs data in real-time. It's a JSON tree-like structure where changes trigger updates across all connected clients simultaneously.
- Cloud Firestore: A more flexible and scalable NoSQL database that stores data in documents and collections. It offers real-time synchronization and supports more complex queries.

3. Setting Up Firebase:

- Create a new project on the Firebase console (https://console.firebase.google.com/).
- Add your Flutter app to the Firebase project by registering its package name.
- Download the google-services.json file and place it in the Android app directory for Android apps or GoogleService-Info.plist for iOS apps.

4. Firebase Authentication:

 Implement user authentication using Firebase Authentication. This allows users to sign in with email/password, Google, Facebook, etc.

5. Real-Time Database Integration:

- Connect your Flutter app to Firebase Realtime Database or Cloud Firestore.
- Set up listeners to receive real-time updates when data in the database changes.

6. Cloud Storage Integration:

- Utilize Firebase Cloud Storage to store and retrieve files, such as images or documents.
- Implement file upload and download functionality in your Flutter app.

7. Handling Security Rules:

• Configure security rules to control access to your Firebase resources. Define who can read or write data in the database and access files in storage.

Experiment Steps:

Flutter Project Setup:

- Create a new Flutter project using the Flutter CLI or an IDE like VSCode.
- Add necessary dependencies in pubspec.yaml for Firebase services.

Firebase Configuration:

- Create a new project on the Firebase console.
- Register your Flutter app and download the configuration files.

Integration with Authentication:

• Implement Firebase Authentication to enable user sign-in.

Database Integration:

- Connect your Flutter app to Firebase Realtime Database or Cloud Firestore.
- Create, read, update, and delete data in real-time.

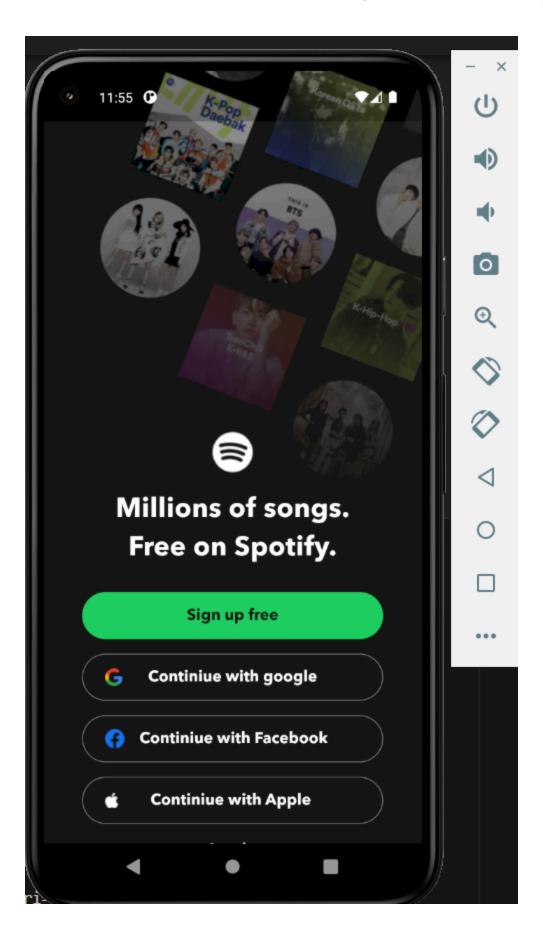
Cloud Storage Integration:

 Set up Firebase Cloud Storage and implement file upload and download functionality in your Flutter app.

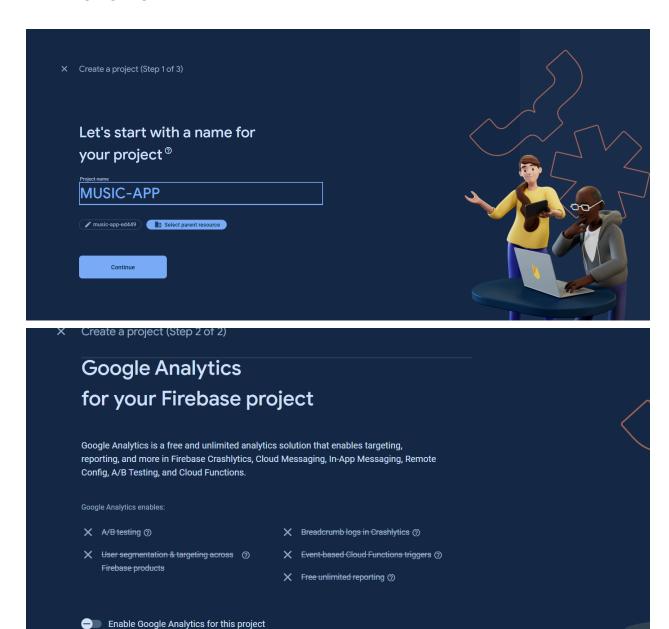
Testing and Troubleshooting:

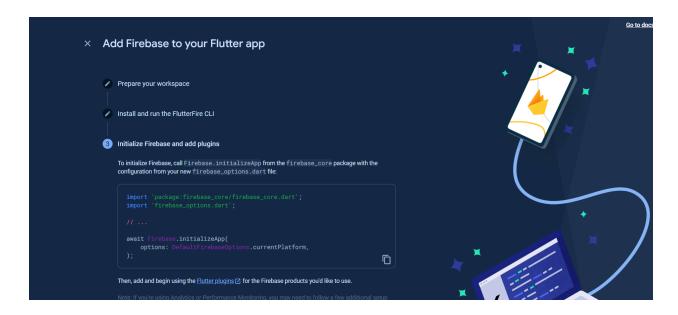
- Test the integration by running the Flutter app and ensuring data synchronization and user authentication work as expected.
- Troubleshoot any potential issues or errors that may arise during the integration process.

Login screen:



FIREBASE SETUP:





Conclusion:

Upon successful completion of this lab experiment, you will have gained practical experience in integrating Firebase services with a Flutter application. This integration opens up possibilities for real-time data management, user authentication, and cloud storage, providing a robust and scalable backend infrastructure for your Flutter projects.